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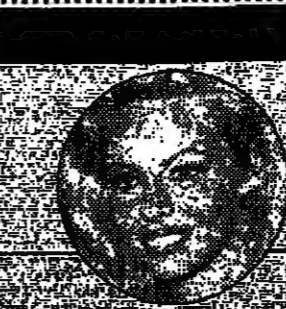
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“This is not blood money. Part of me died that day”

Fourteen junior police officers who were yesterday awarded a total of £1.2 million damages for psychiatric stress suffered tending victims of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster in a ground-breaking case with profound implications for members of all the emergency services.

The families of the 96 who died strongly criticised the size of the payments last night as outrageous.

Five of the 14 officers who went into the fenced pens to save Liverpool fans have left the force because of post traumatic stress disorder. All 14 are still suffering the effects of what they saw that day.

One of the men was PC David Frost, who for the first time gives his detailed account of his experiences.

Report: Melanie McFadyean

FORMER policeman David Frost has a snapshot of himself in which he is every inch the officer — that was seven years ago. Today he has shoulder length hair and a five o'clock shadow. He wears jeans and a homespun top of the sort worn by mountaineers and hippies. There are pink friendship bracelets on his wrist.

“I lost my faith in that uniform and what it represents after the Hillsborough disaster.” On April 15 1989, the day 96 people died at Hillsborough, PC Frost was on duty at the football ground. Like other policemen he was no stranger to death and disaster. Like others he was used to suppressing emotion after a sorry day by drinking with his mates. But no amount of drinking — and there's been plenty of that — has helped him since Hillsborough. He has never recovered his peace of mind and suffers from the emotional turmoil of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

“You've got me on a good day,” he tells me when we meet. He is in control but the distress is visible in his eyes. “I'm not the only one. There were 150 policemen and women from South Yorkshire who planned to take cases against the force but that was whittled down to 37.” Mr Frost is one of the 14 cases for which South Yorkshire Constabulary has admitted liability.

Mr Frost's PTSD has cost him not only his career and his marriage but any kind of peace of mind. It is not only his appearance that is transformed — he isn't the man he was.

“I've not spoken out publicly before, none of us has,” he said in the living room of his parents' comfortable Sheffield home. “But the suppurating wounds I feel can only be cleansed by the truth. It seemed to me that there was a complete breakdown of police management that day.”

Soon after kick-off, PC Frost and his detachment were sent along the perimeter track to help with fights breaking out near the lateral Lapping Lane pens. “In 10 years' policing I've only arrested two fans — that day there was chaos and I had to arrest four.”

He was amazed by the detention area under the North Stand and it was then he had an intimation of serious trouble. “The room was packed, it was mayhem.”

Back on the pitch near the pens, Mr Frost saw a colleague inside spreadeagled and clinging to the wire pro-

tecting another who was attempting to resuscitate an injured fan. He realised then that the problems were not of public disorder, but something far worse.

Mr Frost noticed more bodies. “It was like Dante's Inferno. People's faces were being pushed through the fencing. 13-year-olds were at the front and people were trying to get over the top. There were officers trying to push them back in.” Mr Frost decided not to wait for orders which, he feared would never come anyway. He swung himself through the gate of the pen over the heads of those struggling to get out and muscled his way in.

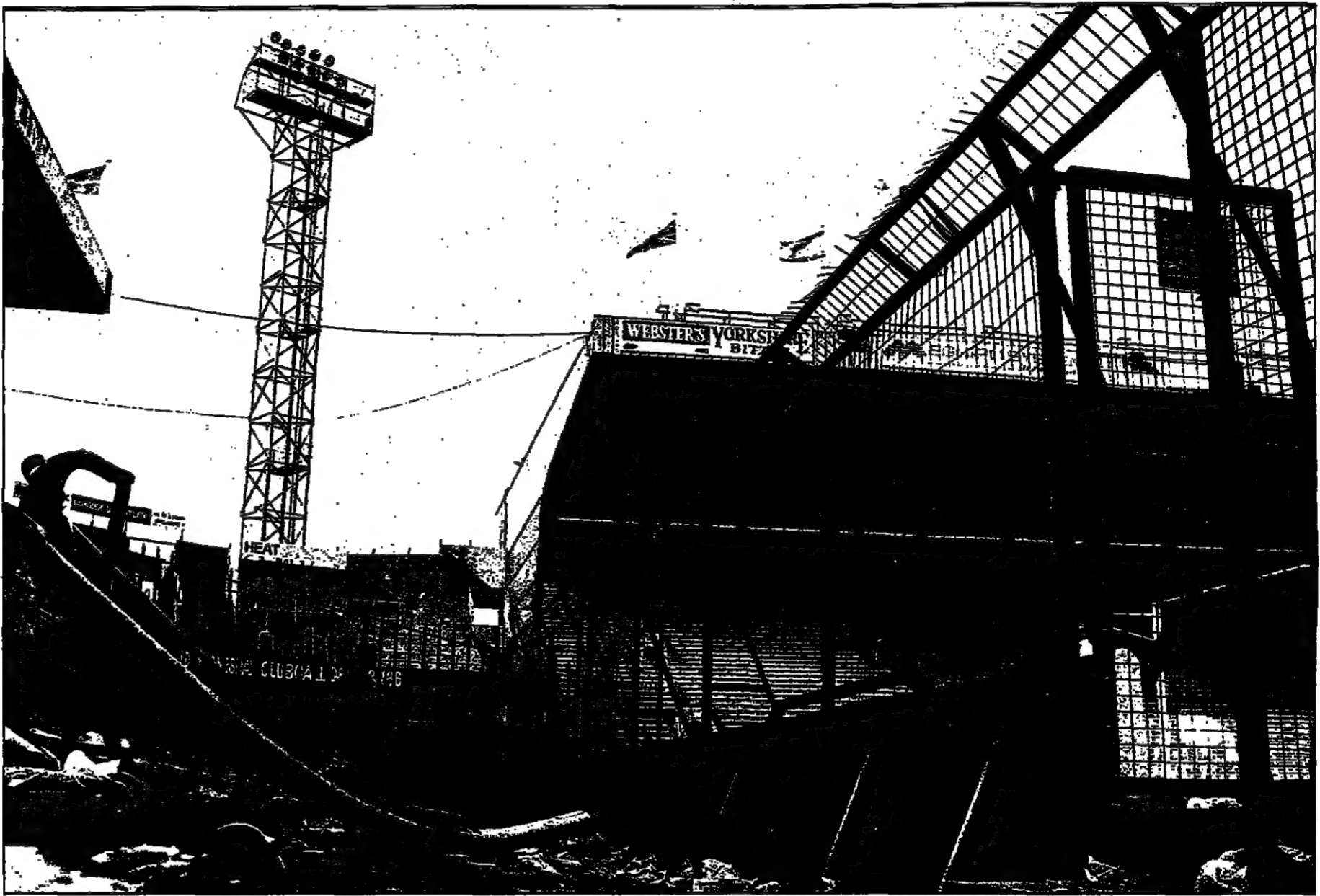
In his statement he wrote: “I moved towards the centre of the pen, another two bodies right down the front under the fencing. Blue dead eyes open.” As he and a colleague worked desperately to save people, fans outside the pens were ripping down the fences.

“They used their bare hands to save their mates, they were brave. There were a lot of dead already. We climbed into the next pen and started passing out the bodies — I don't know how many — the horror, the awful smells, the blue faces — it never leaves me. In one of the pens there was a huge pile of bodies where the initial crush had been and some were still alive. You couldn't pull them out because of the weight on top of them — their eyes knowing they were dying — one bloke I tried to get out and I couldn't.”

He saw much that shocked him, things which shook his faith in humanity and consequently himself.

“I've grieved every day since it happened. I see it all the time. I smell the smells of the dead and dying. It took me five years to convince myself I did everything I could have done.”

“At first those of us who took out a claim did it because nobody listened to us. The solicitors warned us early on that if we wanted a moral crusade this wouldn't be it — that it would be a bitter fight over money. I anticipated responses like the ones in the local papers saying we were bobbies who couldn't back up. It will be a case of being on a bandwagon rolling over the dead of Hillsborough, but part of me died that day and I feel as if I might never be able to work properly again. I have to support myself and my daughter. The claim is not blood money, it is what anyone damaged mentally or physically in the course of their work should be entitled to.”



The twisted wreckage after the disaster at Hillsborough. PC Frost had worked desperately to help people while fans ripped down fences to save friends

£1.2m for Hillsborough police provokes anger

Duncan Campbell and Owen Bowcott

THE award of more than £1 million to police officers traumatised by the Hillsborough football stadium disaster in 1989 provoked warnings last night of “floodgates” opening for similar claims. Senior officers are warning that such awards could have serious ramifications for policing and other emergency services.

Fourteen junior officers who dealt with the dead and dying and suffered psychological problems as a result have accepted £1.2 million. The highest awards are for more than £200,000, which include lost earnings and pension rights. The smallest awards were less than £10,000 for officers still serving. The highest award for stress was nearly £40,000.

The officers include those who entered the pens in which many of the 96 fans at the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest semi-final died.

In a settlement agreed at Sheffield high court, the Chief Constable of South Yorkshire, Sheffield Wednesday FC and the club's engineers admitted

liability. Last night, a spokeswoman for South Yorkshire police said the force's insurers had advised them to make an out-of-court settlement.

Simon Allen, the officers' solicitor, insisted last night that the awards were consistent with court guidelines for damages for psychiatric illnesses. “Members of the emergency services are no different from anyone else in that when their emotions are

subjected to the gruesome scenes of a tragedy such as Hillsborough they are likely to be mentally affected as a result,” said Mr Allen. “They accept the reasonable risks of their service, but they should not be expected to deal with the appalling consequences of the negligent actions of others.”

Privately senior officers expressed dismay at the awards which they believe will set a precedent and “could open the floodgates” to other claims from emergency service workers. Senior officers fear that the size of the settlements, which come from police budgets, will affect staffing levels.

The chairman of the Hillsborough Families Support Group, Trevor Hicks, who lost two teenage daughters in the disaster, said he and other families were appalled at the news. “Obviously we accept that these police officers are human beings and they have human emotions the same as anyone else,” Mr Hicks said. “But these officers chose to be police officers. We did not choose to be victims... Now every member of the emergency services could claim compensation for seeing something horrific.”

Local Labour MP Peter Kilfoyle said: “I don't doubt some of the police have suffered great stress and in law are entitled to compensation but there can be no adequate compensation for the loss of children and other members of families.”

Ian Westwood, the vice-chairman of the Police Federation, which backed the legal action, expressed his sympathy for those who had lost relatives and friends but said that the officers were also victims. The action had been brought partly because the tragedy had been avoidable.

A police officer accepted sudden death and tragedy but did not accept injury and illness as a result of negligence.

Six other officers involved in the disaster but to a lesser extent failed in similar claims for damages last year and are appealing.

According to lawyers the grounds for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder claims are specific. Claimants must have been involved in or personally witnessed a traumatic event, re-experienced it in recollections; there must be persistent evidence of trauma (eg fear of crowds) with symptoms lasting for more than a month.

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Sketch

Female God stirs up devil of a row



Martin Wainwright

God was in her antique shop yesterday and all was well with the world — though Melanie Harris was running pretty close to the deadline with repairs to a pair of Biblical trousers.

make any jokes at God's expense, just because she's a woman," said Dave Parkinson, scooting up to Lucifer's dressing room.

'Other EU states may act in as bloody minded a way as the British'

Breakthrough in sight over beef ban

Stephen Bates and John Palmer in Luxembourg and Michael White



Douglas Hogg, second from left, takes in news updates with his aides before entering yesterday's meetings

PHOTOGRAPH: JEAN-CLAUDE EPSTEIN

INTENSIVE lobbying, with the backing of the European Commission, was last night beginning to break the logjam over lifting the ban on British beef by-products at a meeting of agriculture ministers in Luxembourg.

Each country's vote is based on approximately population, ranging from 10 for Britain, France, Germany and Italy, down to 2 for Luxembourg, with 62 out of 97 required for a majority.

Agreement on a phased removal of the overall ban hangs on the outcome of a whistlestop tour of EU capitals by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, starting today.

our presidency when we have to tell the British... what is realistic from a European perspective," the Irish farm minister, Ivan Yates, said.

a criminal offence to hold feedstuffs made from animal protein. The report, seen by ministers in Luxembourg as a confession of the failure of past British controls on BSE, said: "Controls in the UK to date have had less impact than intended, because of incomplete compliance."

With the Commons due to return from its Whitsun break today, most MPs on both sides hope that Mr Hogg's package has turned the tide in Brussels, starting with the lifting of the ban on tallow, gelatin and semen.

Envoy flies into Cyprus flare-up

Mass protests expected today after Turks kills Greek soldier

Chris Drake in Nicosia

BRITISH peacekeeping troops in Cyprus are on full alert today after Turkish troops shot dead a Greek Cypriot soldier yesterday.

The UN fears hundreds of Greek Cypriot schoolchildren will abandon classes and gather at the main crossing point to the island's northern sector to protest at the shooting.

people with loaded guns facing each other across the middle of a capital city. The former ambassador to the UN flew in for his first visit since being brought out of retirement two weeks ago as Britain's special representative to Cyprus.

were fired at Panayi by another Turkish soldier. There were disputed accounts of whether Panayi was armed at the time.



Cyprus chronology

- July 20, 1974: Turkey invaded Cyprus, eventually occupying northern part of island. 200,000 Greek Cypriots fled to live in the south.

First night

Legend stands up under spotlight

Bob Flynn

John Prine Old Fruitmarket, Glasgow

THEY came on like something out of Reservoir Dogs, four guys in black suits, thin ties, ready for serious work.

in the country arena, filled with biting satire and always with a steely eye on the collapsing heartland of the American experience.

'I see it all the time, I smell the dead and dying. It took me years to convince myself I did everything I could'

continued from page 1 "Other officers and families of victims have attacked the notion of compensation awards. The 14 are to be awarded on the basis that they were at the site of the carnage."



worry about." In January 1990 he was discharged from the police for psychiatric reasons.

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Big guns put squeeze on Blair to stick with old voting system

Patrick Wintour

GERALD Kaufman and Roy Hattersley, two of Labour's most senior politicians, are to join forces tomorrow to launch a campaign to stop Tony Blair leading Labour away from its traditional support for the first past the post electoral system.

rumours that Mr Blair now privately backs a more proportional system, called the alternative vote.

He remained in the force but became aggressive and violent. He started to drink heavily. He was unaware that for two weeks at a time he would not speak to his wife whom he married four months after Hillsborough.

His aggression has abated in the last year but he is overwhelmed by a sense of loss, grief, anger and meaninglessness. He is less likely to threaten a stranger, tempted though he often is, and more likely to drink until he is numb.

"I enjoyed taking those kids camping to show them alternative ways of life. What had most of them seen apart from the squalour of their rundown estates? They had no hope and without hope people feel they have nothing to lose, so how can you punish them?"

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England squad closes ranks behind collective responsibility as FA refuses to name names over in-flight celebrations that got out of hand

Gascoigne affair: They're all guilty

Martin Thorpe

THE England soccer squad walked into another storm yesterday when it closed ranks and agreed to take collective responsibility for the damage inflicted on a Cathy Pacific aeroplane during last month's flight back from two Euro 96 warm-up games in Asia.

The decision not to name those guilty of causing £5,000 damage to two television screens and a table during a drinking bout to celebrate Paul Gascoigne's 29th birthday followed a private investigation by the England coach, Terry Venables, on Sunday evening and yesterday morning.

It brought instant criticism from police and politicians. Chief Supt Brian Mackenzie, president of the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, said: "It seems incongruous that there's some kind of collective responsibility being apportioned here particularly as, in a sense, those not involved may be tarred with the same brush."

The Tory MP David Wilshire called it a "splendid cover-up" while Menzies Campbell MP, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on sport, said it was an "unsatisfactory outcome to an incident which has done nothing for English football. Discipline should have been swift and specific."

Labour MP Tony Banks said: "Why has this taken so long? Either they are all guilty, in which case it's even worse, or this is a cover-up."

Venables wanted the matter sorted out yesterday without any individuals being exposed to public pillory, so the squad could get on with preparations for their first game against Switzerland next Saturday.

Venables reported to the FA's chief executive, Graham Kelly, and the chairman of its international committee, Noel White, yesterday. There had been calls for the culprits to be dropped from the squad, but this was never a serious option so close to the tournament.

about who was guilty and who was not, Venables warned that three players originally accused in sections of the media of causing the damage were "seeking legal advice on compensation for the harm to their reputations. They were very angry that they had taken the blame publicly — and without justification they believe — for the reported damage to the aeroplane." The three are understood to be Gascoigne, Robbie Fowler and Steve McManaman.

spent several hours talking to the players about the allegations. The England squad has accepted collective responsibility for what has happened. The players have expressed their sincere regret over the incident. The matter is now being dealt with internally.



The cleaned-up cupid, above, and, top left, before restoration, after which it proved to be the work of Antonio Canova, bottom left. MAIN PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

Lost Canova cupid statue found under moss and paint layers

Dan Glinister Arts Correspondent

IF YOU have a paint-covered, moss-strewn statue at the bottom of the garden, brush off the dirt, strip away the paint and have it valued. This is the lesson to be learnt from a sale announced yesterday of a statue found in a West Country garden in 1992.

for the Three Graces statue, the subject of a prolonged tussle to prevent it leaving this country. It is not known how much was paid for the new find when it was discovered, but it is expected to sell for at least £1 million when Sotheby's auction it in London on July 4. The identity of the seller is unknown, as is the identity of the unfortunate previous owner.

The marble statue, just over 4 ft high, is a life-size representation of an amorino or cupid, one of four similar works by the artist. The other three are in Poland, Cambridge and St Petersburg.

"The current seller purchased it without knowing what it was," said Conrad Webb of Sotheby's, yesterday. "Fortunately, the white paint that was covering it has protected the original surface." The only parts of the statue that show deterioration, are those not covered by paint.

It is very rare for a single Canova figure to come up for sale. A marble bust by the artist was sold last year for £385,000. Another Canova bust, estimated to be worth £695,000, is currently the subject of a similar battle to the Three Graces. The tussle over the Three Graces came to an end in 1994 with donations from two benefactors, John Paul Getty II and the Dutch-born industrialist Baron Thyssen-Bornemisza. The donations allowed Britain to match the £7.6 million paid by the Californian Getty museum in 1989.

The cupid, the whereabouts of which have been unknown since the last century, was previously believed to have been in North Wales. It was commissioned in 1791 by John David Latouche. "He was the son of an Irish banker, which is presumably why he had the money," said Mr Webb. "As a 17-year-old he was in Rome, doing the grand tours. He went to Canova's studio, saw other versions of the same work, and tried to buy it. But even though Canova had not yet been paid for them, he refused to sell."



House prices 'set to rise 5pc'

Larry Elliott and Cliff Jones

GOVERNMENT hopes of a recovery in its political fortunes are boosted today by the news that the Halifax Building Society, Britain's biggest mortgage lender, is revising its prediction of house price growth in 1996 from 2 per cent to 5 per cent.

no change in base rates when the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and the Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, meet to discuss interest rates tomorrow. The Halifax, which has been cautious about upgrading its forecast after a series of false dawns, said its change of heart was based on the fact that prices were now 4.6 per cent higher than they were a year ago. Last year, the Halifax predicted that house prices would rise by 3 per cent but in the event prices fell by 1.7 per cent.

No beef between diplomats as Germans share British embassy

John Mullin and Ian Black

SOMEBODY should have told the baroness, Lynda Chalker was busy justifying why Britain should block European legislation designed to help the Third World, and here was her own department cuddling up to the Germans.

Wills, head of the British mission, explained: "The Germans are a bigger embassy. It's just one of those things. We have been affected by cuts, though we've been about this size for four years." One floor up, Hartmut Weineck, administrative officer at the German embassy, showed what it takes to be a diplomat. "We hope it will be a happy arrangement. We do know about the beef crisis but except for this minor thing, co-operation between Great Britain and Germany is perfect. We do not mention beef here. It is not something we talk about, or joke about."



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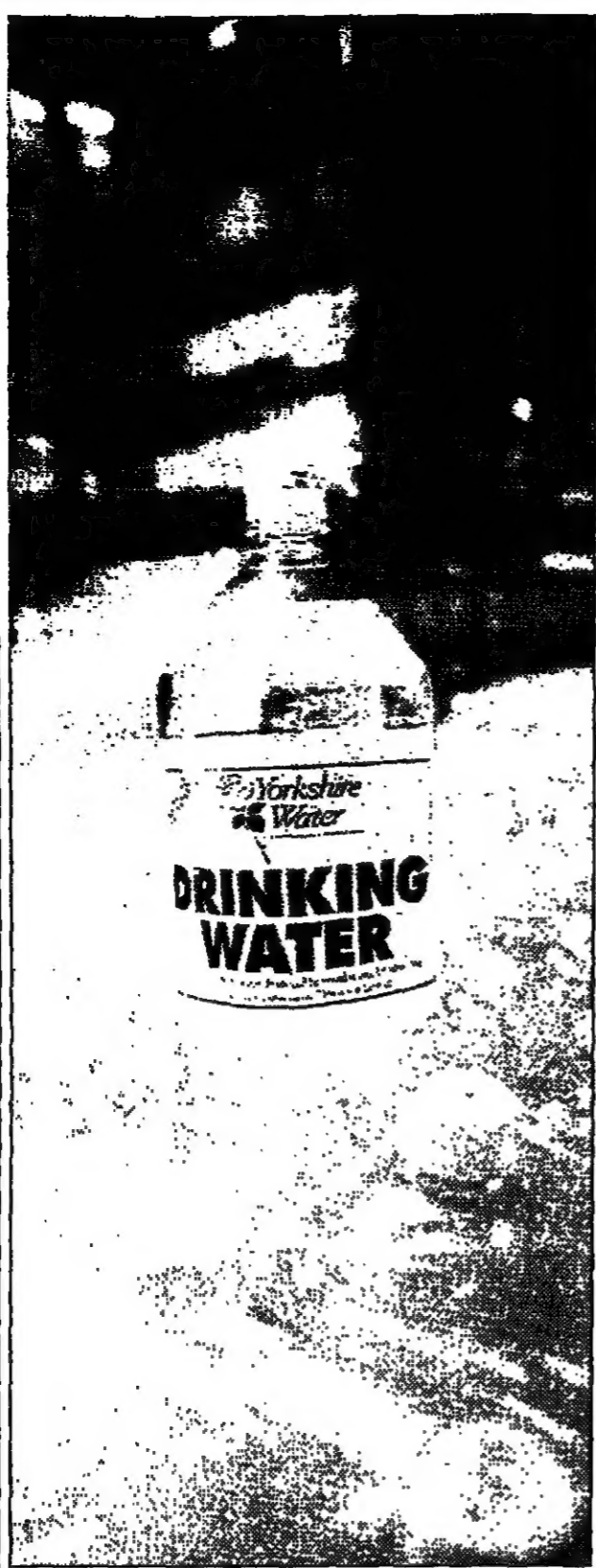
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Ofwat hands out £40m 'fine' to water firm

Chris Barrie and Martin Wainwright

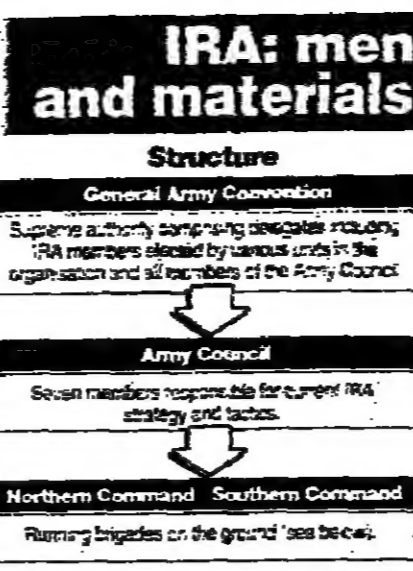
YORKSHIRE Water, the company synonymous with water shortages and public relations disasters, was "fined" £40 million by the industry watchdog yesterday and warned it faced tough scrutiny. Having almost cut supplies last summer, Yorkshire was found guilty of "serious failures" in its control of leaks and sewer flooding after a lengthy inquiry by Ian Byatt, director general of water services (Ofwat). He penalised Yorkshire by restricting it to price rises of no more than inflation in 1997-98. Before Mr Byatt's ruling, Yorkshire had been permitted a 9.5 per cent increase. Households will pay £6 less next year as a result. Price rises for the following two years will be lower than expected, saving households £18 in all over three years. Mr Byatt said the company had been allowed price increases specifically to enable it to meet its supply obligations and to deliver adequate services. But Yorkshire had "failed to do so in some important areas". His ruling will cut Yorkshire's revenues by £40 million. It also faces bills of £47 million for tanking water by road to drought-affected areas, and of £85 million for extra spending to put right the company's poor record on maintaining supplies and cutting leaks. Mr Byatt also demanded the core water business be financially ring-fenced so he can scrutinise profits and spending more easily. The director general criticised Yorkshire's decision to pay a £50 million special dividend to its parent group last summer. The Ofwat measures will require Yorkshire to cut by two-thirds the number of customers who suffer unplanned supply cuts by the end of the decade. Sewer flooding, twice as bad in Yorkshire as any-



Supplies of Yorkshire's emergency drinking water

where else, must be halved in the same time. Leaks and low pressure problems must also be sharply reduced. Brandon Gough, chairman of Yorkshire Water, said: "Mistakes have been made in the past, but we are determined to put them right." The company had already committed £170 million to protect water supplies. The two-year price freeze was given a qualified welcome by the Yorkshire consumers' group WaterWatch, which effectively took on Ofwat's mantle during the run-

Weapons table listing items like Webley .255, AK-47, Armalite AR-15, Barrett M24A1, 7.62 mm FN MAG, RPG-7, SAM-7, LPO-50, Delonator, Semtex, and their quantities.



Last-ditch move over Ulster peace talks

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

THE Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble yesterday met John Major to make a last ditch attempt to resolve the basis of next Monday's all party talks on the future of Northern Ireland. A third and final meeting between the British and Irish governments today is expected to settle the procedure for the talks. Both governments expect a communiqué in which the IRA will be required to decommission some arms by September so long as progress is being made on the political talks. The communiqué is also likely to state that Senator George Mitchell, the adviser to President Clinton, will be given the chairmanship of the body overseeing decommissioning and the strand of talks on the future of North-South relations. Mr Mitchell's precise role has been the subject of a long wrangle between the two governments, partly due to Unionists' suspicions of him. The Irish and British governments hope this broad framework for talks will convince the IRA to restore its ceasefire unequivocally, the sole precondition set by both governments for Sinn Féin's inclusion in the talks. Sinn Féin will also be required as a first step in the talks to sign up to the Mitchell principles on non-violence set out by the senator in a government sponsored report in January, something that Sinn Féin has said it is prepared to do. The IRA has been suspicious of any talks procedure that allows the Unionists to block the talks at the outset on the issue of decommissioning. But Sinn Féin's surprisingly high 15 per cent share of the votes in last week's elections is seen as an endorsement of the peace strategy of the Sinn Féin president Gerry Adams, thereby putting pressure on the IRA to renege the ceasefire. However, British ministers are aware that the vote of Mr

Trimble's party fell slightly, possibly putting pressure on him to take a less constructive line that he has in the past. The Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, reiterated at the weekend that he is not insisting on an IRA hand-over of arms at the start of the talks, but he is still insisting, as is Mr Trimble, on some decommissioning during the talks. Mr Trimble, despite the pressures on him, may just be willing to forego some decommissioning at the start of the talks. But he wants to ensure that the two governments today agree a clear procedure and timetable whereby phased decommissioning will take place during the talks. Mr Trimble could also press for signs of IRA de-escalation of violence before September, short of arms de-

IRA 'has added new mortar to arsenal since ceasefire'

'Mark 17' one of most destructive weapons in armoury, say experts

Richard Norton-Taylor

THE IRA has developed a new type of mortar, described as one of the most destructive weapons in its arsenal, according to an analysis by Jane's Intelligence Review. The review, quoting intelligence sources in the Republic, says that the "mark 17" mortar was developed during the ceasefire and has been tested in the Carlingford Lough area south of the border. It estimates that weapons in the IRA armoury, most of which are hidden in the Republic, include 650 AK47 assault rifles, 20 heavy machine guns, and 60 revolvers. It claims that the organisation also has 40 rocket launchers, 600 detonators, and one Sam 7 surface-to-air missile. British intelligence sources, however, question

the serviceability of the Sam missile and say that the IRA has been having difficulty in obtaining detonators. Though the IRA is believed to be manufacturing its own detonators, the failure to explode a bomb under Hammersmith Bridge in west London in April suggests it is still having trouble. Security forces in Britain regard the issue of decommissioning weapons as essentially a political question. IRA units, they say, are unlikely to use guns in Britain, apart from in self-protection, since they are more likely to get caught. Security forces are more concerned about continuing IRA training and targeting, and its ability to make home-made nail bombs, and explosives from components such as nitrobenzene, fertiliser, and diesel oil. They are also concerned about the quantities of Semtex in the IRA's possession. Jane's Intelligence Review, which will publish an analysis of the IRA in its July and August editions, estimates that the IRA has three tonnes of Semtex. Other sources say two tonnes is more accurate. Even the lower figure would be enough to make hundreds of bombs. The large amount of Semtex - about 30lb - used in the Hammersmith Bridge bomb suggests that the IRA has ample supplies. The IRA is estimated to have about 400 hard-core activists. Day-to-day running of the organisation is conducted by a seven-person Army Council. An internal Irish police report contains the names and addresses of those believed to occupy key positions in the upper echelons of the IRA, according to Jane's Intelligence Review. The report, it says, contains the names and addresses of two of the three members who live in Northern Ireland.

'There will be no immediate ceasefire announcement from the IRA'

commissioning, including an end to punishment beatings, something he regards as an indispensable consequence of Sinn Féin agreeing to sign up to the Mitchell principles on non-violence at the start of the talks. Before Mr Trimble met Mr Major, his fellow Ulster Unionist MP, Ken Maginnis, predicted the IRA would not restore the ceasefire before next Monday so rendering pointless any further concessions by the two governments to lure the IRA into a fresh ceasefire and so let Sinn Féin into the talks. Mr Maginnis predicted: "There will be no immediate ceasefire announcement. Sinn Féin IRA will seek a propaganda coup by resisting that demand until after June 10." "They intend to project themselves internationally as victims of government intransigence in order to try to restore their tarnished image abroad," he said.

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News in brief

Children leave over troublesome pupil

ANOTHER 10 children have been withdrawn from Seely Church of England School in Nottingham because of an eight-year-old boy's alleged misbehaviour.

Couple found shot at station

A MAN and a woman were found shot dead in a car at Frintley, a busy Surrey commuter station yesterday.

Keeping street lights burning

BUSINESSMAN Norman Jacobs, 73, yesterday told how he accidentally discovered that he had been paying to light up part of Wisbech town centre for nearly 50 years.

Foot's nephew injured

OLIVER FOOT, son of Lord Caradon and nephew of former Labour leader Michael Foot, is recovering in hospital after being critically injured in a motorcycle accident, it emerged yesterday.

Inquiry call on killer's release

A LABOUR MP yesterday called on the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, to order an independent inquiry after it emerged that convicted rapist Gavin McGuire had been released from custody just 19 days before he murdered a schoolgirl.

12-year feud settled

A 12-YEAR feud between a miner and a policeman ended with Leeds county court Judge Geoffrey Kamill yesterday telling them they had embroiled the facts and awarded them each £75.

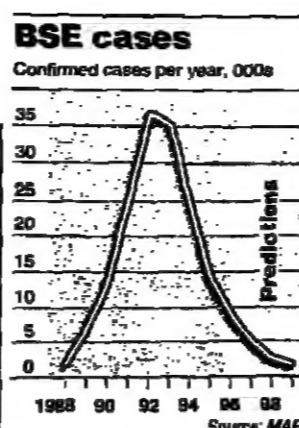
Fewer cases but doubt over whether cows can pass on disease to calves hinders action

BSE fight 'will last years'

Certificates plan put to EU as cull of 80,000 cattle projected

Paul Brown Environment Correspondent

A NEW plan designed to secure the lifting of the European Union export ban, get the stricken beef industry back to normal, and eventually eradicate BSE was announced by the Government yesterday.



Legal instruments introduced between June 1988 and May 1996 to eradicate BSE in Britain. These remove offal from carcasses, regulate hygiene and prevent infected feed being circulated.

The certificate system for grass-fed beef and dairy herds that have never experienced a case of BSE would start later this month and allow beef over 30 months old from unaffected herds to be sold on the open market in Britain and in the rest of Europe as soon as EU countries could be convinced the scheme was being properly policed.

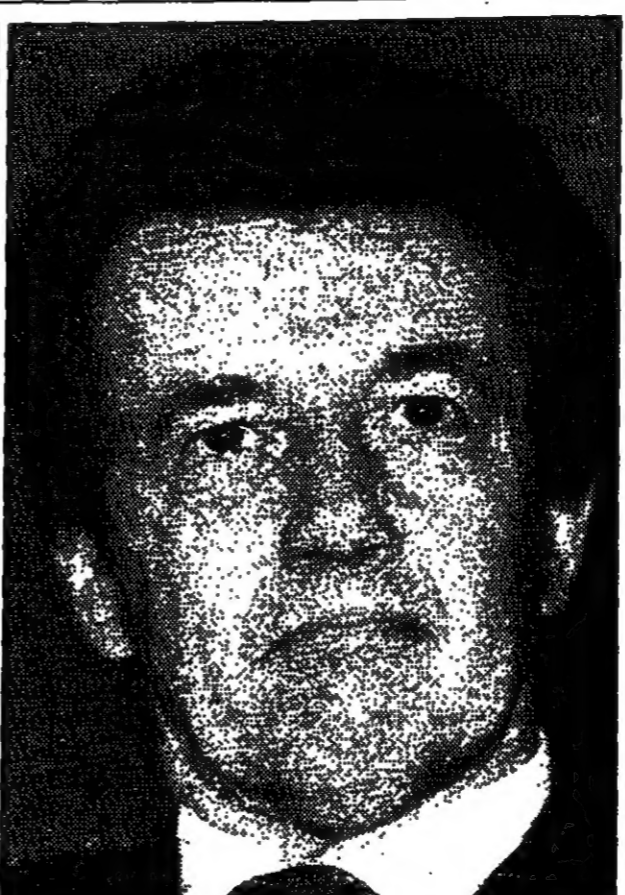
pass it on to calves. Even if they can, the ministry says, there would be so few cases that the eradication programme would still work.

The number of BSE cases was dropping by 40 per cent a year and was expected to be down to 8,000 this year from a peak in 1992 of 36,661. By the year 2000 there are still expected to be around 1,000 cases although the ministry was hoping its selective slaughtering policy would reduce this further.

Major bores into imperturbable European wall

Stephen Bates in Luxembourg

THE Grand Duchy of Luxembourg yesterday resembled a Ruritanian version of Piccadilly Circus. More than 50 European ministers and their entourages wandered through the bleak corridors of the European Centre, a grim example of 1960s civic architecture.



Ministers of war... Eric Forth and Kenneth Clarke. The Europeans now find British veto quaintly absurd



Minister talks down measures Britain will seek to block

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

MICHAEL Howard, the Home Secretary, will set aside his crime-fighting credentials today and block eight European Union measures designed to combat illegal immigration, international terrorism and drug trafficking as part of the continuing protest at the ban on British beef.

EU law enforcement academy. Agreement on a new convention for the protection of children across Europe. New sanctions against the international laundering of EU funds embezzled through fraud and corruption.

Shamed minister's successor

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

JONATHAN Evans, junior minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department responsible for handling the divorce bill, was yesterday named as the new Welsh Minister, taking over from Rod Richards who resigned after allegations of marital infidelity.

Evans

JONATHAN Evans, the new Welsh Office Minister, is a bright and ambitious man who is probably privately less than thrilled at being moved from the high profile post in the Lord Chancellor's Department, writes Patrick Wintour.

Streeter

WHEN Gary Streeter succeeded Alan Clark as the Tory candidate in the solid seat of Plymouth Sutton in 1992, voters were in no doubt they were getting more than a change of style - from a racy and remote scion of the upper classes to a committed evangelical Christian who was decidedly a Plymouth man.

Colonial DIRECT advertisement for pension plans. Text: 'WHEN YOUR JOB'S NOT FOR LIFE, A PENSION THAT IS'. Includes phone number 0800 828 525 and website information.

G2 cover story advertisement. Text: 'On TV, they gave through-the-roof ratings to episodes of Roseanne and Friends which climaxed in gay weddings. In Friends the ceremony was performed by Candace Gingrich, Republican House Speaker Newt's younger, lesbian half-sister. (Like America, the Gingrich family is split by the gay issue: on Sunday, Newt said that if his sister married a woman, he would not go to the wedding.)'

Lesson for Yeltsin in defeat of haughty mayor

Red scare fails in St Petersburg

David Hearst in Moscow

ONE OF Russia's leading liberal reformers, Anatoly Sobchak, lost his job as mayor of St Petersburg yesterday in a shock election result which could have important consequences for Boris Yeltsin's campaign for a second term as president.

Mr Sobchak, whose last days as ruler of Russia's second city had been clouded by a high-level corruption investigation, lost narrowly to his deputy mayor, Vladimir Yakovlev, who won with 47.5 per cent of the vote.

Before the result was officially declared, Mr Sobchak blamed his defeat on a mass campaign of "discreditation", led from the headquarters of his opponent "in a very professional way".

The result will alarm the Yeltsin camp because Mr Yakovlev, although a Yeltsin supporter, got the backing of both the Communists and the liberal opposition Yabloko Party.

Worse still, Mr Sobchak, like Mr Yeltsin, mounted a clearly anti-Communist campaign accusing his opponent of colluding with them. Mr Yakovlev's reply was a challenge to avoid extremism: "Stop dividing the country between the Reds and the Whites," he proclaimed.

St Petersburg backed that message in choosing a moderate, campaigning on a ticket of pragmatic reform. The result will clearly support the arguments of those Yeltsin advisers who argue that he may have to strike a deal with Gennady Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader.

Yesterday the country's most authoritative opinion poll put the two men neck and neck, giving them each 36 per cent of the vote. The Institute of the Sociology of Parliamentarism had been the only polling organisation to put the president behind Mr Zyuganov recently.

At the very least it confirms a huge comeback for Mr Yeltsin, who has run a brilliant campaign, putting behind him the image of a sick, drunk leader out of touch with the mood of the country. "The change is stunning," said Nugzar Betaneli, the institute's director. "The president's massive propaganda campaign has started to pay off."

But Mr Sobchak's defeat is a warning. Elected in June 1991, at the same time as the president, he became a national figure, a democrat campaigning to destroy the Communist Party and the Soviet Union.

His campaign started to go wrong when it became known that a high-level investigation team from Moscow had arrived.

The team has been leaking material to the newspapers, focusing on members of Mr Sobchak's family who have obtained state flats.

It is alleged, for example, that the flat next to the Sobchak home had been mysteriously emptied and each of its five occupants given other flats, jumping the queue. It was then refurbished in the name of a mystery owner.

But the alarm went off when Mr Sobchak's wife, Ludmila Narusova, applied for permission to knock through a wall to join the two flats.

The team is also investigating the provision of flats to her sister, Mr Sobchak's brother, and his niece.

The new mayor has a clean record as the keeper of the city's infrastructure. Four months ago he came out in opposition to his boss, saying what the city needed was a professional and not someone who spent his time making speeches.

Mr Sobchak's increasingly haughty public appearances, including one with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh last year's state visit, appear to have done him little good with the voters.

Court artists win patrons with post-Soviet icons

A Tsarist statue has sparked an ideological debate, writes James Meek in Moscow

IT WAS incense-scented bedlam from beginning to end. Black-robed monks sang the old Russian national anthems to the accompaniment of bells. The wind howled across the speakers' microphones, and great square banners, emblazoned with avenging angels, stern Christs and the slogan "We are Russia — God is with us", flapped noisily above the press of the Cossacks, neo-fascists and devout women in headscarves.

The focus of celebration was supposed to be a 36ft copper statue of the last Russian tsar, Nicholas II. It was unveiled to mark the 100th anniversary this week of the coronation of the autocrat monarchists call the Tsar-martyr.

But as much attention was lavished on the monument's sculptor, Vyacheslav Klyukov. His fans, mostly elderly, surged around him, waving books for him to autograph.

One smiling woman thrust forward a photograph of the tsar's executed family for him to sign. She had held it in front of her like a holy relic throughout the ceremony. Her wrist was scored with long, half-healed slashes.

Mr Klyukov is a Kremlin court favourite. He is part

of a group of jobbing artists, their work condemned as incompetent and chauvinist by the critics, who are, in turn, the recipients of official patronage as President Boris Yeltsin and Moscow's mayor, Yuri Luzhkov, seek to plot out politically convenient historical landmarks for post-Soviet Russia.

Mr Klyukov's most controversial work to date is the equestrian statue of the Soviet war hero Marshal Georgy Zhukov, erected near Red Square last year.

'Artistically, it's a monstrous work. It shouldn't be there; but it shouldn't be anywhere'

The monument is naturalistic, but its detractors say it is stiff and lacks life.

"It's a personification of certain abstract ideas, executed mechanically and artificially, with a total distortion of artistic form, lacking any taste," Alexei Konevich of Moscow's State Institute for Arts Research said.

"This strikes even ordinary people who look at it. They can't understand why the whole thing seems to consist of matchsticks or rods and is so inorganic."

Mr Klyukov was not keen to discuss the attacks at this week's ceremony. "Let them make a better statue," he said curtly.

The sculptor is an ardent monarchist. He claims to have financed the tsar's statue out of his own pocket. But he is strictly loyal to the Yeltsin regime, even though he was refused permission to put the monument where he wanted.

Mr Klyukov's dream was to have it stand at the gates of the Kremlin. The Moscow authorities said no. Instead the last emperor, depicted with autocratic ermine robe, crown, orb and sceptre, rears up among dandelion-filled meadows in the village of Talinskoye outside the city, facing a small church and a power station.

Many monarchists were unhappy with the decision. A man in a black leather jacket and black beret, a member of the 10-strong Union of Russian-Serbian Orthodox Standard Bearers, said: "They should have put it in Moscow, not here. But that's our sin. We gave in to the mayor."

Yet Mr Klyukov refused to complain, saying he was happy to have the statue in a village which the tsar visited twice during his reign. He allowed Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff, Nikolai Ye-



Resurrected hero... Vyacheslav Klyukov's monument to Tsar Nicholas II near Moscow

gorov, to use the occasion for a fiery political speech warning that today's communists would repeat the deeds of 1917 should they return to power.

Mr Klyukov gave the president the autocrat's blessing, saying: "I thank the administration of Boris Yeltsin for understanding that there is a great movement in the Russian people towards spirituality and tradition which no communists, democrats or liberals can obstruct."

Other artists accused of submerging art beneath ideology and expediency include Mr Yeltsin's pet painter Ilya Glazunov, once court painter to the politico and now the iconogra-

pher of Russian nationalism, and the sculptor Zurab Tsereteli.

Mr Tsereteli is responsible for a series of controversial monuments at the Poklonnaya Gora complex, commemorating the dead and the Soviet victory of the second world war.

His portrayal of Nike, the Greek goddess of victory, plumed to a slender obelisk visible for miles around, has been dubbed by Muscovites the "spider on a needle". Park visitors are baffled by a sculpture of St George, patron saint of Moscow, which shows a dragon sliced like a sausage by the point of a spear.

The latest row has broken out over a Tsereteli

monument. Tragedy of the People, which appeared without warning in the park. It is believed to be a clumsy pre-election attempt to remind voters that Stalin was responsible for concentration camps as well as winning the war.

Local people have compared its cadaverous figure rising from the ground to the film *Hellraiser* or the video for Michael Jackson's *Thriller*.

"Artistically, it's a monstrous work," Dr Komech said. "The figures which are supposed to represent emaciated victims look like teetering corpses. This outrageous creation shouldn't be there. It shouldn't be anywhere."

News in brief

Nigeria seen as most corrupt

NIGERIA tops the list of countries that international business people consider most corrupt, according to rankings produced by a Berlin-based independent organisation, Transparency International.

Fifty-four countries involved in international business are ranked by Transparency International in its second annual corruption index. After Nigeria, business people ranked Pakistan, Kenya, Bangladesh, China, Cameroon, Venezuela, Russia, India and Indonesia as the most corrupt.

The 10 least corrupt countries this year were New Zealand, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland, the Netherlands and Australia. — *New York Times*.

Sex slaves to get apology

JAPAN'S prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, promised he would write a long-awaited letter of apology to accompany a compensation payment to the Asian women forced into sexual slavery during the second world war, his office said yesterday.

Mr Hashimoto told Bambang Hara, chairman of the controversial government-initiated Asia Women's Fund, that he would "write a letter expressing apology and remorse", an official said.

Historians say about 200,000 "comfort women" — mostly Koreans but also from the Philippines, Indonesia, China and the Netherlands — were forced to provide sexual services to Japanese troops during the war. — *Reuter, Tokyo*.

Police arrest Kaunda aides

ZAMBIAN police arrested four key aides of the former president Kenneth Kaunda yesterday, a day after five men were detained in connection with a series of bomb blasts, officials of Mr Kaunda's party said.

The deputy leader of Mr Kaunda's United National Independence Party, Ivyambo Yeta, was said to be among those arrested. On Sunday police arrested five men in connection with recent explosions at the official residence of President Frederick Chiluba and the offices of a state-run newspaper.

Police said the five, including three retired army officers, were believed to be part of Black Mamba, a shadowy movement purportedly sympathetic to Mr Kaunda. Mr Kaunda, who ruled Zambia for 27 years, denies any link. — *Reuter, Lusaka*.

UN targets urban crisis

MORE than 10,000 delegates met in Istanbul yesterday for a United Nations conference seeking to address deep-set urban ills — poverty, homelessness, social and environmental decay — and build global cities for the future.

"It is the destiny of our global community, where we will live and how we will live in the new world of tomorrow, that we have come here to determine," said Wally N'Dow, secretary-general of the Habitat II conference.

In the opening session of the two-week conference, speakers including Mr N'Dow, the UN secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and the Turkish president, Suleyman Demirel, set the task of finding a humane vision of a future dominated by urban culture. — *Reuter, Istanbul*.

Nastase trails in Bucharest

ILIE NASTASE'S campaign managers acknowledged yesterday he was trailing the opposition by a wide margin in the Bucharest mayoral election, with a third of voting stations in.

The Democratic Convention earlier said its candidate, the union boss Victor Cioba, had a solid lead over the former tennis star running for the leftwing Party of Social Democracy.

But a run-off in two weeks appeared likely as neither had broken the 50 per cent barrier yesterday. "Cioba has something less than 40 per cent and Nastase something more than 30 per cent," Cristian Bura, head of Mr Nastase's campaign staff, said. — *Reuter, Bucharest*.

Rulers claim second victory

ALBANIA'S ruling Democratic Party said yesterday it had won another big victory in the second round of a general election boycotted by most opposition parties and criticised by Western observers.

The opposition, which withdrew from the first round and refused to take part in the second, said the poll was rigged. Many Western governments have called for a partial re-run.

The conservative Democrats of President Sali Berisha won six out of nine seats contested in the second round on Sunday, a week after winning 95 of the country's 115 constituencies in the first round. — *Reuter, Tirana*.

Chris McGreal honoured

CHRIS MCGREAL last night received his second major accolade within a year for his coverage of Africa in the Guardian. His reports from Nigeria, Rwanda, Zaire and Kenya won him the runner-up prize in the Foreign Press Association's British Media Awards. Since joining the Guardian in 1992, McGreal, aged 35, who is based in Johannesburg, has reported with incisiveness on issues affecting countries throughout sub-Saharan Africa. His investigations into war crimes in Rwanda won him Amnesty International's best newspaper journalist award last year. At last night's award dinner in London, Robert Fisk of the Independent received the association's top prize for a series of articles on Algeria. John Plender and Tim Laxton of the *Financial Times* were the other runners-up. Shyam Bhatia of the *Observer* was among seven other finalists.



Upbeat French hail 'new Nato'

Denis Staunton in Berlin

NATO foreign ministers yesterday agreed to a new command structure which theoretically enables European alliance members to mount military operations independently of the United States.

The plan, announced at a conference in Berlin, allows for the creation of combined joint task forces (JTFs) to be deployed in troubled regions, such as former Yugoslavia, under the command of the Western European Union (WEU).

The French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, welcomed the reform as a great success for Europe and announced that France would soon resume the full role in Nato it abandoned 30 years ago. "If this process is completed, France regards with interest this new alliance and declares itself ready to participate fully according to a new status," he said.

Although the announcement came as no surprise, it was preceded by heated wrangling over the role of the United States in any European-led operations. The US state department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, admitted that the wording of the agreement had caused problems but he insisted that America would retain the right to become involved in planning any new operations.

"We are also a European country and a European

Russia's SAS spells fiasco as crack team wrecks havoc

David Hearst in Moscow

HE WHO dares does not always win, as firemen at Vnukovo airport found last Friday when called to attempt an airliner blazing on the runway.

The culprits were not hard to discover. A group of Alpha anti-terrorist troops were found standing sheepishly around the burning Tu-145. They had been practising storming it when a stunt grenade started the blaze.

A spokesman for Vnukovo Airlines said the fire which destroyed their aircraft had been an "imitation" — part of a successful training exercise.

For the fire service it was real enough. It took one hour for 16 fire appliances and a helicopter spewing foam to subdue.

Since their days in the KGB, this "crack" anti-terrorist group's record has been patchy. Alpha's unhappy attempts to liberate hostages held by Chechen gunmen in Budjounovsk or the police special service's assault on Pervomaiskaya have spawned a new word in Russian for a fiasco: the "inter-ministerial assault".

Three months ago, special forces scaled the Ostankino television centre and smashed their way through eighth-floor windows. Television executives were told only later that it was an exercise.

Haiti becomes hostage to US election politics

Phil Gunson in Port-au-Prince

progress in resolving a score of allegedly political killings since the US intervention.

Privatisation of moribund state industries, such as communications, is another demand — accepted by the government but held up by a sceptical parliament.

A report last month by a Republican delegation, including Senator Bob Dole's adviser on national security, referred to more than 25 extra-judicial killings and the emergence of government-sponsored death squads since the restoration by the US of the former president.

'Washington is turning on the drip a little at a time and then turning it off'

Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was succeeded by Mr Préval in February.

These assertions are not supported by available evidence, according to members of an observer mission from the United Nations and the Organisation of American States. The mission's executive director, Colin Granderson, said: "You cannot make a clear case that these were politically-motivated killings."

Haiti has no forensic laboratory and its civil police lack even "the rudiments" of investigative techniques, a

Klaus fights for survival

THE CZECH prime minister, Vaclav Klaus, launched a battle for his political life yesterday, vowing to hold on to power after weekend elections stripped him of his majority in parliament.

In an interview with the pro-government *Telegraf* newspaper, Mr Klaus suggested a minority regrouping of his coalition, the last conservative government in eastern Europe, was probably the only option left for the country. "I don't see a lot of further possibilities... We must begin to work intensively on this," he said.

Official results yesterday confirmed what computer projections had forecast: Mr Klaus's coalition won only 99 seats in the new 200-member parliament, down from 112. The rival Social Democrats surprised analysts by winning 61 seats.

Mr Klaus said no mainstream parties would want to deal with the little-reformed Communists or the far-right Republicans, which together won 40 seats in the elections on Friday and Saturday. — *Reuter, Prague*.

One is young, elegant, and well-educated; the other elderly, infirm and unschooled. Police and prosecutors on Sicily point to them as the new masters of the Mafia.

Old ally renews Ethiopian courtship

A long history helps Britain's embassy (right, in its heyday) win trade, writes **Alice Martin** in Addis Ababa



THE gates of the walled British embassy compound in Addis Ababa — one of the loveliest embassies in the world, according to the ambassador Robin Christopher — have been thrown open this week to stone crushers and construction equipment, and to an Ethiopian public invited to sip

tea in marquees hung with bunting and balloons. The embassy is an oasis in a city whose population has doubled in a few years and where electricity and water supplies are limited in many areas. For the duration of this week's Britain in Ethiopia trade fair, the commercial population of Addis Ababa is being welcomed into the grounds to

to spend his birthday here after more than 30 years away from the country. "I have been very moved by my arrival here and seeing it all again," he said, sitting in the cool *tukul* complex hung with an exhibition of his photographs. "I certainly did not want to return to Ethiopia under General Mengistu... After all, he had murdered Haile Selassie and taken power, and what was going on in this country, from all I gathered, was appalling." Sir Wilfred left Ethiopia as a child of eight. When he was 14, he met Haile Selassie in London. They later became friends. "I remember his gentle smile when I told him that, more than anything in the world, I wanted to return to his country, and he said to me that one day I would come

as his guest." Sir Wilfred believes he alone received a personal invitation to the emperor's coronation in 1930, a magnificent affair which lasted 10 days. He then went hunting in the Danakil desert, developing a lifelong taste for desert travel. The name of Thesiger belongs to a long history of British involvement in Ethiopia, and the British community is still growing. The Sandford English School — where half the pupils, including several ministers' children, are Ethiopian — has just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Professor Richard Pankhurst, an Ethiopian history specialist — whose estranged mother Sylvia Pankhurst lobbied in London against the Italian invasion of 1935 — dates British con-

tact to 1400, when Henry IV wrote to Prester John requesting assistance in the Crusades. Prof Pankhurst sees the common Christian heritage (although Ethiopia has sizeable animist and Muslim minorities) as one link in Anglo-Ethiopian relations over the centuries. During the famines of the mid-1970s and mid-1980s, Ethiopia engaged the sympathy of a new generation of Britons. Now, Britain has commerce in its sights. Ethiopia is the second-largest country in sub-Saharan Africa after Nigeria. Despite the poverty, trade promoters are eyeing the export potential of a country of 56 million people. Britain exports £54.3 million in goods, ranging from water pumps to books, but

imports only £15.9 million — mostly in skins for the leather industry. Alan Davidson of the Department of Trade and Industry, who has helped organise this week's fair, conceded that, at present, "trade is not great". But after a series of seminars entitled Opportunity Africa, organised around Britain this year by the DTI, more than 30 British companies have sent representatives to the trade fair. A number of Ethiopians at the opening ceremony privately expressed concern at the trade deficit. "It has been one-way in favour of Britain," said Kaassahun Jembere of the Addis Ababa chamber of commerce. "What Ethiopia needs to do is hold this kind of trade fair in Great Britain."

Bahrain foils 'pro-Iran plot to overthrow government'

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THE tiny Gulf state of Bahrain announced yesterday it had foiled a pro-Iranian plot to overthrow the government and was recalling its ambassador to Tehran.

In a move which will heighten Arab-Iranian tensions, Bahrain said 29 citizens had admitted taking part in a conspiracy organised from Revolutionary Guard camps in Iran and guerrilla bases in Lebanon.

The announcement followed a strongly worded statement by the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), criticising Iran as regional mischief-maker.

"A serious conspiracy has been uncovered which reveals that... the military wing of Hizbullah-Bahrain, together with Iranian authorities, has been plotting since early 1993 to undermine Bahrain's security and stability," said the information minister, Mohammad Ibrahim al-Mutawa.

Bahrain, the Gulf's main financial centre and headquarters of the United States Navy's 5th fleet, has faced unrest involving the Shi'ite Muslim opposition demanding restoration of the 1976 constitution and more jobs.

Twenty-five people have died in the past two years and there have been widespread allegations of human rights abuses by the security forces.

Yesterday's announcement of a coup plot marks a new departure since Bahrain had previously tried to avoid a public confrontation with Iran while privately blaming it for fomenting unrest.

But the US, with its policy of "dual containment" of Iran and Iraq, has been openly attacking Tehran. Britain and its European allies argued that Tehran is more of a convenient scapegoat than the real villain.

On Sunday the GCC publicly warned Iran not to interfere in the internal affairs of GCC states, including Bahrain. Iran and the United Arab Emirates are in dispute over several islands in the Gulf.

Iran's foreign ministry spokesman, Mahmoud Mohammadi, yesterday attacked the GCC for kowtowing to the US.



Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah of Lebanon, sits between Hizbullah's spiritual leader Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah (left) and Sheikh Ibrahim al-Sayid at a rally in Beirut yesterday to mark the death of Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran. Sheikh Nasrallah told Riyazun Netanyahu he will retaliate against Israeli attacks on Lebanese citizens. PHOTOGRAPH: JAMAL SAUDI

Hebron clashes raise fears of intifada

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

ISRAELI troops fought stone-throwing Palestinians in Hebron yesterday, sparking fears of another eruption of violence in the West Bank city.

Tension has risen rapidly in Hebron since last week's Israeli election victory by Benjamin Netanyahu.

Mr Netanyahu had said during the campaign that he would not stand by the present Labour government's commitment to withdraw most Israeli occupation troops from Hebron by the middle of this month. Palestinian leaders have warned

that if the troops stay, there could be a renewed outbreak of the intifada, the Palestinian uprising of the late 1980s.

Yesterday's incident will increase pressure on the Likud leader to stand by the withdrawal agreement, which will leave Israeli forces in Hebron to protect the 400 or so Jewish settlers living among more than 100,000 Palestinians.

Israel's closest ally, the United States, has signalled that it too wants the new government to comply with the pullout agreement.

The US ambassador to Israel, Martin Indyk, told Israeli Radio yesterday that Washington would work closely

with the new government "to secure those agreements fulfilled".

Mr Netanyahu is preoccupied with building a working majority in the new Knesset (parliament) which is due to convene on June 17. The outgoing government, headed by Shimon Peres, said it would leave the decision on Hebron to the new administration, but pointed out that the agreement with the Palestinians was binding and should be implemented around mid-June.

Meanwhile, pressure mounted on the next prime minister from the leaders of Syria and Egypt, meeting in Cairo yesterday. Both criti-

cised Mr Netanyahu's victory speech in Jerusalem in which he appealed for peace but gave no hint of Israeli concessions to achieve it.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt said the speech seemed to be continuation of the Likud leader's election campaign. "We decided it would be wise to bide our time and wait to see how the behaviour of the new government will be, even if the speech which the prime minister-elect made yesterday did not inspire optimism," he said.

President Hafez Assad of Syria was scarcely more enthusiastic. "We will investigate further and initially we

have no feeling that events are going in a positive direction," he said.

President Mubarak is to have talks in Amman, Jordan tomorrow with King Hussein and with the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat.

Mr Assad has not been invited to the Aqaba meeting. Jordanian-Syrian relations strained since King Hussein's 1994 peace pact with Israel, have taken another dip with the Jordanian claim that it has foiled a series of planned attacks by Syrian-based guerrillas on Israeli tourists.

Mr Netanyahu said yesterday he hoped soon to meet King Hussein and Mr Mubarak, the leaders of the two

Middle East countries with which Israel has full peace treaties.

The former prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, yesterday urged Mr Netanyahu to renege on Israel's peace agreements with the Palestinians and step up construction of Jewish settlements.

Mr Shamir, prime minister from 1986 to 1992, believes Israel has a right to keep the West Bank and Gaza Strip which it captured in the 1967 war. Throughout his rule, he adopted a "not an inch" position in negotiations with the Arabs.

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The film Beijing wants the world not to watch



Andrew Higgins
on the anniversary and bitter legacy of the massacre in Tiananmen Square

THE Hong Kong film festival, which opened recently screened a new documentary about the 1989 Tiananmen Square uprising without a murmur of public protest from Beijing. Those who ponder political tea-leaves announced a shift from China's past patterns of paranoia.

They saw Beijing's silence as a sign that the Communist Party might finally feel secure enough to rethink its trauma that reached its bloody climax seven years ago today with the killing of hundreds of unarmed protesters.

It took little time for Beijing to set the record straight. A few days later, an American film built around the same theme, *The Gate of Heavenly Peace*, in their own festival in Washington DC. The Chinese embassy dispatched a tart letter.

"If this film is shown during the festival, it will mislead the audience and hurt the feelings of 1.3 billion Chinese people... It is necessary and appropriate to withdraw this film."

The letter, which was ignored, exposed the falsehood of claims that, after so many years, no one in China cares about 1989.

"It is not in the forefront of people's minds anymore, unless they lost a family member or suffered an injury that still causes them pain," says the film's director Carma Hinton, a Beijing-born American whose father wrote a classic account of revolution in China's countryside. "But, sooner or later, authorities have to deal with it. Tiananmen can't stay in the freezer forever. When Deng [Xiaoping] dies, nobody knows what will happen. Nobody wants to be the scapegoat."

The rage unleashed by the rampage of the People's Liberation Army seven years ago has long subsided. Student leaders who fled abroad speak as much time sulping at each other as cursing the party elders who ordered in the troops. Activists left behind in China are mostly in jail or in business.

Remembrance of the massacre, and of the six weeks of peaceful protests that preceded it, has become compressed into an elaborate rite of summer.

Police go on the alert. Foreign journalists stampede Beijing University in search of students smashing little bottles, the Chinese words for which are homophonous with Xiaoping. Deliveries of newspapers from Hong Kong become erratic as the Chinese authorities ponder whether they ought to ban whole editions or merely remove pages with articles or photographs referring to 1989.

The handful of people left who might be tempted to speak out are rounded up and held incommunicado until the June 4 anniversary has passed. Prominent in this year's pre-anniversary sweep is Wang Xizhe, a veteran leftist activist seized by police last Fri-

day in the southern city of Guangzhou.

Beneath the frozen formula, however, lies a subversive certainty that the official verdict condemning the student-led protests as "counter-revolution" must, one day, be reversed — as were earlier judgments against "rightists" in the 1950s, victims of the Cultural Revolution from 1966-76, and those who took part in an earlier spasm of protest in Tiananmen Square in 1976.

"Political symbols are tremendously important in China," says Robin Munro, the Hong Kong director of Human Rights Watch/Asia. "They may hibernates because of repression, but history shows they acquire even greater significance when driven underground. There has to be a day of reckoning."

Ordinary citizens show more interest in getting rich than settling the scores of 1989, but the Communist Party is clearly unable to put the trauma behind it. Only obsessive sensitivity can explain its hounding around the globe of Ms Hinton's remarkable documentary, a work so scrupulously objective that exiled student leaders condemn it as an at-

tempt to vindicate the Chinese leadership.

The first serious study of the student-led revolt on film, the three-hour work shows how extremism triumphed over moderate voices both in the student encampment in Tiananmen Square and in the leadership compound of Zhongnanhai.

"China's problem is not a shortage of passionate causes, but its inability to handle differences, to allow a range of voices to speak out. Our film is about debate, about allowing a plurality of views to be expressed," says Ms Hinton.

But such debate annoys radical students, particularly those elevated to celebrity status in the West, and terrifies the party leadership in Beijing. Any public deviation from the official line is taboo.

"Nobody can open up discussion of this thing in China," says Ms Hinton. "Everybody knows what is really going on, but nobody wants to talk about it in public. If people started talking, the party's verdict would never hold. They are so afraid of a momentum building up again... Everybody is vulnerable in a situation where no one knows where power will lie when Deng goes."

Xinjiang bosses step up fight against 'splittists'

Orsham Earnshaw
in Beijing

CHINESE authorities have expanded a crackdown on separatists and illegal religious activities to include colleges and schools throughout the restive north-west region of Xinjiang.

The "Strike Hard" campaign against crime and "terrorism" in the mainly Muslim region had caught 2,773 terrorists, murderers and other criminals, and seized more than 600 guns since it was launched in early April, the China Business Times reported yesterday.

It quoted an official as saying six cases involved "terrorists" who had "killed rural cadres and assassinated progressive religious leaders". All six cases had been successfully dealt with, the official said.

This frontier region bordering Afghanistan, Pakistan and three mostly Muslim Central Asian states has been shaken in recent weeks by violent clashes and political killings involving separatists who want to end Chinese rule.

In the latest expansion of the crackdown, Xinjiang Tele-

vision reported that this month "our region will concentrate on thoroughly clearing up and rectifying college campuses and neighbouring areas".

It quoted a vice-chairman of the local government, Wang Huaiyu, as saying that colleges must "resolutely oppose national separatism, resist and stop the infiltration of religions into colleges and remove their influence on students."

A Xinjiang education official said: "Students are not adults and lack the ability of self-protection", while in the regional capital, Urumqi, a television editor accused the separatists of interfering in campus life.

Xinjiang government leaders fighting to curb the increasingly violent campaign for more independence have warned that "splittism" and illegal religious activities pose the biggest threat to stability in the region.

The campaign to suppress the separatists has brought a ban on the construction of mosques, tightened controls on religion and stricter searches for weapons hidden in goods and luggage entering Xinjiang, according to local officials. — Reuter.

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Teachers have plenty of grounds for complaint. An establishment which embraced child-centred learning 25 years ago is now ready to ditch it. The story is

more complex than a simple battle between progressives and traditionalists. Plowden did not transform education overnight. Ten years on, only one in 20 schools was following the full child-centred approach.

Researchers will row over the new findings for the next decade. Teachers will rightly warn of the dangers of importing teaching methods from abroad. But David Reynolds is right to ask policy-makers to look beyond our borders to examine why other countries are more successful in maths.

Europe's unfolding dilemmas

What's good for markets isn't always good for democracy

EUROPE'S many types of ambiguity were on full show yesterday, from Brussels through Berlin to Prague and right on down to Tirana. The beef tale can be left to narrate its own absurdities.

Mr Klaus basks in the praise of Western analysts for his programme of economic reforms. These have been neoliberal and Thatcherite even if rounded at the edges, and coupled with the Czech Republic's natural advantages

a future Europe as becoming "a model for how different peoples can work together in peace without sacrificing any of their identity." Perhaps so, but Mr Havel was powerless to persuade his own Czechs and Slovaks to work together in peace and to prevent the break-up of Czechoslovakia.

In Berlin the Nato foreign ministers sought yesterday to address the biggest discrepancy between European rhetoric and practice. They have conceded that the Bosnian pull-out should be delayed till after the elections there even though this will clash with the US presidential election.

Welshing on the Welsh

The Tories risk losing their shirts outside England

PEOPLE who accept government office, opines the right-wing Conservative MP David Evans, must recognise that they "wear an England shirt".

In spite of his own Welsh name, Mr Evans is very much a Londoner. This probably explains why he seems to have forgotten so readily that some of his Conservative colleagues still actually represent distant lands called Scotland and Wales.

would have been well able to speak authoritatively in Wednesday night's Commons debate on the use of the Welsh language in parliamentary proceedings.

There was a time — not so very long ago either — when both Scots and Welsh Conservatives were powers in their respective lands. No longer. A Conservative electoral wipe-out in Wales next time round is by no means impossible.

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Letters to the Editor

Jack Straw's quest for street cred

YOUR leader (A curfew on commonsense, June 3) on the proposal to give local authorities, in agreement with the police and local residents, a power to make sure that children aged 10 and under are not left unsupervised on the streets

Further, your paradoxical claim that the problem is "largely non-existent" will have been read by incredulity by those who grapple daily with the problems facing young children in many parts of Britain.

Identifying children who are at risk must be easier. At root, this is a policy for child protection. The process by which councils and the police would have to engage in public debate before they could use these powers

Supposedly intractable social problems such as this often require radical solutions. It is in this context that Labour is ready to consider innovative solutions as part of its wide-ranging programme to improve community safety, encourage parental responsibility, reform youth justice and tackle the underlying causes of crime.

Your assertion that ensuring that those aged 10 and under should not be out late at night would especially hit "black communities" is patronising nonsense, unworthy of a serious newspaper.

YOUR excellent leader says about Jack Straw's obscene and repulsive attack upon young people, and upon the civil liberties of us all. I joined the Labour Party a year ago because I wanted an end to Conservative rule.

JACK Straw is the last straw. New Labour wants to lock up the young at night. In practice this means locking up working-class children: the children of the affluent will be ferried back and forth by their parents or given money for taxis.

not one we would have associated with the Labour Party or indeed with any party in a democracy. In their eagerness to pounce votes from the right, Labour has effectively disenfranchised the left.

WILL future teenagers, under an administration including Jack Straw, be writing essays about being forced out of further education and into low-paid jobs by cuts in benefits and student grants, and then not even being allowed out in the evening?

Straw has stressed that local authorities would be able to set their own age and time limits; but this is surely the most dangerous aspect of the whole lunatic idea. One can well imagine some unpopular council with an ageing electorate chasing votes by promising to be tough on annoying youngsters.

Vogue treads a thin line

VOGUE'S editor is correct when she states ("Anorexic" models cost Vogue ads, May 31) that women who tend towards anorexia do not get it from magazines but from a loss of self-worth instilled in them before they even look at Vogue.

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WAS about seven when I first started to compare myself unfavourably with the prevailing ideal of womanhood. As I grew physically, there was only one thing left to do to alleviate the panic and despair about growing out of my allotted space: I had to get smaller, to take up less room.

More than 20 years on, I still struggle with food, size and shape. It has preoccupied me to a greater or lesser extent all my adult life.

While the images ramed down our throats by the beauty industry do not "cause" eating disorders, I have no doubt that they must take a large share of blame in fuelling the overwhelming sense of inadequacy that predisposes so many young women (and men) to shrink their worlds — sometimes to the point of extinction.

It will be 30 later this month, and already I've seen contemporaries starve and vomit themselves to the point of death. I don't feel like putting up with this any more. In the interest of presenting a variety of images to those many young women, here's an offer for Alexandra Shulman: free of charge, I'll put my fit, well-fed and cherished body in front of Vogue's cameras. Might cost you advertising a good forbidding women with 36-inch hips should wear clothes), but it might save lives.

Word perfect

ALWAYS enjoy reading Ian Aitken, but his scepticism towards our new literacy targets for primary-school children (Labour beefs up its style, June 1) was a little wide of the mark. I deliberately did not use the concept of "average" with respect to getting youngsters up to their chronological reading age.

When my children were tested for dyslexia, and when they succeeded in bridging the one-year gap between their expected competence and what they had previously been able to achieve, the tests were based not on an ever-moving average, but on clearly defined goals.

Healthy scepticism of us all in politics is not unwelcome, but wide-of-the-mark cynicism is dangerous and corrosive, undermining of the hope of something better tomorrow.

Star wars are a costly game

LARRY ELLIOTT (Better off Las Vegas state, Economics page, June 3) is right to assert that 95 per cent of our culture is imported from the US. He fails, however, to put a price on this cultural domination.

The European Union has an unenviable 84 billion deficit in audio-visual products, which translates into a loss of well in excess of 250,000 jobs. In a fast-expanding industry, where two million jobs could be created and huge economic multimedia spin-offs possible before the millennium, this cultural one-way traffic is economic lunacy.

If our children receive no images of the continent in which they live, are we not depriving them of knowledge and understanding which will

Beat is best

FOLLOWING numerous examples of poor crowd control at football matches, it was irresponsible of the Government to allow Euro 96 to be held in Britain. In the wake of 1980s football hooliganism, strong drink was banned from football grounds. What use is that when irresponsible magistrates allow pubs and clubs extended drinking hours so that fans can get drunk before they arrive?

In spite of the England team's disappointing performance in Hong Kong, the Royal Hong Kong Police was able to prevent any disturbance erupting. Hong Kong's reputation for retaining a beat system of policing, has safer streets and homes than Britain.

Punctures for the cycling minister

HAVEN'T seen the green paper which Sir George Young calls "the most comprehensive statement of transport policy in nearly 30 years" (Letters, May 31) but, from its lack of impact in rural Dorset, I assume that there is no new money forthcoming, only hot — if cleaner — air.

Our council cannot make the longer-term changes in transport patterns we'd like to because we have no realistic alternative to the car. Buses are few and don't serve all our villages. In the whole of East Dorset district, there is no train station. If the Government is serious about a strategy, it must provide local authorities with money for new services before it starts to consider road-pricing. This money should come from the receipts of privatisation.

enrich them culturally, and help them get top jobs in Europe? Just because older generations have been cut off from Jules et Jim is no reason not to offer real cultural choice to our young people.

IT WAS good to read the Ashdown transport minister, Graham Allen, advocating reducing dependence on car usage to improve air quality (Letters, June 1). Maybe he will take the time to explain the issues to his fellow Labour members who run Manchester City Council. The council's view of a "sustainable" city is to attempt to maximise traffic flows by building more roads, and removing cycle lanes and crossings which get in the way.

A Country Diary

SOMERSET: Through the coldest May, as they tell us since 1689, with much time spent indoors looking out at windswept trees and sodden grass, it has been a relief to be spared the overhead clatter of starlings in the roof. The replaced tile has held and kept them out. But a friend who lives in an early 17th-century cottage in Milborne Port has been disturbed by weird scurrilous and unkindly remarks from the middle reach of a Z-shaped chimney. Her neighbour reported jackdaws carrying nesting materials. When she went to look, she saw one bringing a twig much longer than itself to her chimney-stack. Builders armed with rods and poles probed from the top but failed to shift a solid mass at first-floor level. A sweep equipped with modern, sophisticated devices, including one with a corkscrew action, failed too. Throughout these attempts the jackdaws held noisy committee meetings and, during a weekend lull in human activity,

returned to their building work. On Monday the builders went in through the stone wall and took out three heavy loads of compacted twigs. One disgruntled jackdaw still strutted crossly up and down the lawn at the end of the sad but necessary campaign. It has been more peaceful for us to watch the pair of red-legged partridges that visit us every day, and increasingly boldly. We have not seen them before this year. One is particularly portly and has a stiff, pompous gait, ignoring my approach and the steady gaze of the superior Persian cat from nextdoor, who observes keenly from the top of the post and rail fence as the birds strut and peck in the manner of chickens. The other partridge tends to scurry off. Neither shows much enthusiasm for getting airborne but, if provoked, they take a very long, flapping run, and with what looks like an enormous expense of energy, just about clear the hedge.

John Vallins

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Diary

Matthew Norman

CONCERN mounts for the mental health of Michael Winner, whose many friends fear that over-exposure to voyeuristic top shows, like his own defunct True Crimes, may have damaged his mind. The Diary called yesterday to discuss a Daily Mail interview in which he describes how he and his mother blew millions in casinos; and in which he claims that her ghost now haunts his west London house. This is very odd. Would anyone travel to Holland Park when, as an excuse for not having to socialise with him, they could cite their own death? Least of all his mother, who, so he once said on TV, spent years suing him. Confused by this, we rang and were instantly astonished. "Hang on, I'll switch on the tape recorder," he said, before intoning the name of his caller, and the time and date. He thinks he's in a police interview room! Top psychologists may agree that, unable to accept the scrapping of True Crimes, he has withdrawn into a fantasy version of the TV world from which he has been excluded. So then: APB, APB, one white Caucasian, approximately 60 years, 26 stone, knickers twice the size of New South Wales, requires urgent assistance. APB, APB...

WITH its first birthday on June 12, executives at Live TV plan celebrations. The main event is likely to be Royal Topless Darts, with look-alikes of Diana and Fergie battling on the oche. However, no decision has been taken as to whether to follow this with a boxing match between the Diana doppelganger and a ringer for the Queen.

THE News of the World report on Rod "Ram Rod" Richards, the tapping Tory taff, highlights again that paper's enduring refinement. Having interviewed the mistress, the NoW reported: "Julia gushed: 'I am so very fond of him. He is a wonderful man. He doesn't just come home and s*** me.'" How delicate the newspaper's sensibilities are. Could they, in fact, be almost too delicate? In shock news from Colchester, my friend Mary Whitehouse thinks "Shag or snog? Shag? Oh dear. I think it's better to blank out a word like that altogether," says Mary, thoughtfully. "Putting in asterisks just makes every one say, 'Oh, I wonder what that means?' They might as well print the full word."

JUST this once, we will reject Mary's advice, while counselling her — should she be ever minded to visit the Tyrol — to steer well clear of the northern Austrian village of F***ing. A picture of the road sign appears in the Fortean Times. Beneath that name is a picture of a boy and girl (clearly under age) and the German for: "Not too fast".

PRINCESS Diana's offensively clever lawyer Anthony Julius last week gave a lecture at University College entitled "Love Poets And The Art Of Advocacy". A large audience turned out to hear Dr Julius, whose new book has reopened the debate about TS Eliot's anti-semitism, and among many legal and literary luminaries were Dr Germaine Greer, the brilliant QC David Pannick and a phalanx of judges and literary professors. But who was this, sitting near the front? Heavens above... it was the conjurer Paul Daniels, and his wife, the lovely Debbie McCree. Although she tried her best, I think Debbie may have struggled a bit, says a spectator. "But Paul seemed to like it." But not a lot? "Quite a lot. It was good of them to come." Yes, but why? Surely Mr Daniels doesn't fancy himself a close intellectual? I could take almost anything in life. But not that.

COMFORT for the travelled Paul Gascoigne comes from Brian, landlord of the Coach and Horses. "That Diary bloke misquoted me," says Brian. "I did not say that he wouldn't be served. I said he wouldn't be served if he was drunk." So Gazza isn't barred at all. I am barred, however, and rightly so.



Time for the great leap backward

Commentary

Hugo Young

BRITAIN's beef war is not a Cabinet policy. It is, to a peculiar extent, the Prime Minister's policy. That doesn't mean the Cabinet disagrees with it. This isn't a case of John Major flying in the face of his ministers, or by-passing their judgment by fixing matters in little ad-hoc meetings, though such meetings have been frequent and furious. But the Cabinet's actions are regarding Mr Major with a certain detachment. Taking on the Europeans was a singularly personal decision. The colleagues are watching carefully to see when and how it might come to grief.

It was taken a fortnight ago, to save the job of Douglas Hogg. After the EU vets' committee had given thumbs down to Britain's BSE-eradication plans, Mr Hogg was due to stand up in the House of Commons and say that nonetheless things were moving our way, as would be proved at the next meeting of

agriculture ministers, who would deploy different voting rules to override the vets. The Chief Whip came to the Prime Minister and said he didn't believe he could hold the party behind this line. If the Minister of Agriculture made any such feeble promise, he would be destroyed by his own side.

Mr Major then took a double decision. Not only would he make the statement himself, but he would announce a British withdrawal of co-operation from all EU decision-making. This line had already been prepared, but for use only if the agriculture ministers failed to override the vets: it today, June 4. So the tactic, which in EU terms is near the top of the escalatory ladder of aggressive manoeuvring, was implemented very suddenly. It now leaves nothing in the locker when (if) the EU fails to deliver what really matters: a phased plan for lifting the ban on British beef itself, which can be sold to the House of Commons by a seditious Hogg and putting himself at the front. Mr Major ensures that he will be held accountable for what this extremely risky tactic fails to deliver.

He was not restrained by a weak Foreign Secretary, whose forsaking of strategic wisdom pretty well exactly matches his grasp of the latest twitch of Tory party poli-

tics. Europe is going to be a subject on which Malcolm Rifkind, unlike his predecessor, declines to teach a single lesson that might offend the sensibilities of, shall we say, Michael Spicer MP, let alone Bill Cash. Kenneth Clarke seems to have gone along with the tactic only in order that he could immediately limit its effect, putting on record the assurance that it was only temporary, and was certainly not the prelude to an empty chair. This small gain mattered. Leaving the British chair empty at the EU summit in Florence on 21 June was a proposal Major rejected only after it had been pushed hard in Cabinet by the usual suspects.

These are currently the more triumphalist of the Major-watchers. Not content with the successes they've had in knocking him around for the last four years, they sense the moment for a great leap backward may be at hand. Yesterday's statement accompanying Michael Howard's veto was a masterpiece. Remember them. BSE isn't a problem of Europe's making. More than 20 countries banned British beef before Europe did, and won't even contemplate lifting it. The dispute so far is about science and markets, not politics or protectionism. The issue is substance not process, and has nothing to do with a matter of principle.

Reining these people back, and satisfying them with anything less than total victory, is the political problem Major created in the act of making his wholly political response to the vets. He has shown them blood and they're slaving for more. Curiously, however, it's the other school of watchers who may soon have the whip hand. But perhaps that's not so curious. Having dealt the sceptics their greatest victory so far, on the road to making the EU unworkable and therefore indefensible, it would be for Major to be out of character not to move swiftly in the opposite direction. Very likely this is about to happen.

What the mainstreamers said to him was, in effect: OK, you can have your tactic, but on your head be it if it fails. Failure, as Major well understands, doesn't consist simply of surrender. Breakdown would be just as big a failure.

The British bargaining position is weak. It requires goodwill on the other side of the table

So far, most European governments have behaved with amazing tolerance, given the truths that haven't changed. Remember them. BSE isn't a problem of Europe's making. More than 20 countries banned British beef before Europe did, and won't even contemplate lifting it. The dispute so far is about science and markets, not politics or protectionism. The issue is substance not process, and has nothing to do with a matter of principle.

Home Secretary with God on his side

THE British bargaining position is therefore weak. It requires goodwill on the other side of the table. The EU is a vast network of deal-making and compromise, a culture which majoritarian British politicians, accustomed to the dictat-politics the British system permits, defy at their peril. Defying it can have only the briefest relevance now because, therefore, weak. It requires goodwill on the other side of the table. The EU is a vast network of deal-making and compromise, a culture which majoritarian British politicians, accustomed to the dictat-politics the British system permits, defy at their peril. Defying it can have only the briefest relevance now because, therefore, weak.

This truth cannot be undone by roars of bloody-minded idealism. That is why the logic of Clarke rather than Howard will, I think, soon have to be respected. The political consequence of a crack-up in EU functioning will be the rising up of the silent minority of Tories who will not countenance it. The diplomatic consequence will be the marginalising still further and more permanently of the one member-state that is seeking to destroy the other's business. These are facts, not options.

Facing such a prospect, Mr Major will blink. Euro-realism will be forced upon him — until the next time. The exercise will have been his personal contribution to Britain's advancement in Europe. It will cede, for once, a kind of victory to the anti-septic cause. This has to happen by the Florence summit at the latest. Major may reflect with some relief that this falls on the anniversary of his resignation from the Tory leadership: an event that cannot be repeated, however low he sinks.



David McKie

SOME say Michael Howard is the worst Home Secretary ever. Others, not wishing to give that honour away too lightly, suggest he is merely the worst since Henry Brooke (1862-64), father of Peter. In his deashing way, however, the dissident Tory backbencher Sir Julian Critchley has produced a more surprising yardstick. Howard, he said in a letter to the Guardian last week, is the worst Home Office incumbent since Hicks.

A bit of a mystery, this, since the records fail to reveal a home secretary called Hicks. One or two Hicks, perhaps, but no Hickses. Even so, Sir Julian's right. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, later Lord Brentford, who was Baldwin's Home Secretary from 1924 to 1928, was born plain Hicks, the son of a plantpottery at the Smithfield meat market, only acquiring the Joynson when he married the daughter of a well-to-do Manchester manufacturer of that name. (Such practices were by no means unusual then: his Cabinet colleague Philip Cunliffe-Lister had logged along as Philip Lloyd-Greaves until his wife came into a sizeable slice of North Yorkshires.)

Jix, as he came to be known, was a kind of twin-track reactionary — in politics and in religion. His best Commons speeches, some people said, were those designed to prevent the church authorities getting their new-fangled hands on the traditional prayer book. Sometimes it wasn't quite clear where the one impulse ended and the other began. "The people of Ulster," he told them as they contemplated insurrection against Home Rule in 1913, "have behind them the Unionist Party; behind them is the Lord God of Battle; in His name and your name, I say to the Prime Minister: 'Let your armies and batteries fire. Fire if you dare. Fire and be damned.'"

As Home Secretary he began by Howardesquely announcing his plans to keep infiltration by aliens, many of whom he was sure were political agitators, down to an absolute minimum. His unbridled public enthusiasm for deporting people under the Defence of the Realm Act greatly encouraged his chums on the "diehard" wing of the party, but dismayed more pragmatic colleagues. Two things Jix could not abide were Communism and filth. He successfully set in hand the prosecution of leading members of the Commu-

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Let the markets wreak social havoc, but keep the kids under control and out of sight. That's the logic and the hollowness of Jack Straw's plans, argues Larry Elliott

Labour's mean streets

NEW Labour loves flexing its muscles. It is tough on single mothers, it is tough on parents who let their children play truant, it is tough on noisy neighbours and, as we now know, it is tough on infants playing on the street after dusk. The only thing it is not tough on is the economy.

As far as the Opposition is concerned, the days when a national government could manage demand or ensure full employment are long gone. Globalised capital markets mean that all a "centre-left" government can offer is some education, some training and a bit more research and development, then let the market get on with it. But having decided that it can no longer regulate the economy, it is left with a bit of a vacuum. Governments have to do something. So Labour has a new idea. It will regulate the people instead, imposing a panoply of social controls to ensure that the problems caused by the uncontrollable deregulated economy — crime, juvenile delinquency, family breakdown — don't threaten the comfortable lifestyles of its new middle-class constituency.

There is a rationale for this new approach. It is that Labour's core constituency, the traditional working class, is precisely that part of the electorate most affected by anti-social behaviour, and it will welcome a return to the social order that characterised the 1930s. After all, Clement Attlee was no soggy liberal when it came to social policy.

Actually, of course, the thing Labour's core constituency would most welcome would be a guaranteed job, protected by decent employment rights and perhaps even defended by trade unions with some negotiating clout. But this is off the agenda. Instead, New Labour's sales pitch at the next election looks like being the 1960s in



reverse: instead of Harold Wilson's mixture of economic interventionism and social liberalism, we will have economic liberalism and social authoritarianism.

Although some economists have worked out schemes for taxing foreign-exchange speculators, and a new computer is being introduced to clamp down on City insider-dealing, New Labour will take a hands-off approach to the markets. But there will be plenty of intervention when it comes to cutting out fatty foods, drinking less and in-

stalling surveillance cameras the length and breadth of the country. We will have all the pain of free-market capitalism, but with state-financed counselling to soften the blow.

The Wilson government of 1964-70 was interventionist in a different way. This was the heyday of Keynesianism, with George Brown's National Plan, Barbara Castle's super-ministry of Employment and Productivity, and an Industrial Re-organisation Corporation to create huge new conglomerates. The

idea was that Labour would increase the growth-rate to 3.8 per cent a year, guarantee full employment, improve living standards and be able to spend more on health, on education, on housing and on pensions.

But at the same time the Wilson government saw no real reason why it should meddle needlessly in people's personal lives, so it eased up on censorship, made divorce easier and gave a fair wind to the private members' bills that abolished capital punishment and changed the

Soundbites bite back

Given the rhetoric of Israel's next prime minister, does peace stand a chance? Derek Brown is pessimistic

COMPLETE mastery of the soundbite has been the making of Binyamin Netanyahu — and it may yet be the breaking of him. Already, the leader-to-be has abandoned the glib one-liners of the election campaign for the vague, rapid waffle of a statesman's job. His victory was a model of day night was a model of finely phrased evasion, emphasising a deep commitment to national unity and regional peace. But Bibi's way to peace is littered with verbal hostages to fortune. On virtu-

ally every one of the tortuously complicated issues looming before him, he has boxed himself in with vote-winning slogans.

On Jerusalem, he has at least been consistent. Before, during and since the campaign, he has flatly rejected not only any change in the city's de-facto status, but also any discussion of such change. No matter that Israel is firmly committed to discussing the status of Jerusalem with the PLO. No matter that those discussions have already started. In his words, "It is a clause on

their agenda, and not ours. If they raise the issue, I will drop it. I will not respect any agreement." So much for the continuity of the peace process.

The same long-term talks, due to be concluded within Netanyahu's four-year term, will cover three other issues: refugees, Jewish settlements and the borders and status of Palestine. Here is Bibi on a Palestinian state: "[It] is an existential threat to Israel. Israel will ensure a Palestinian state will not be established." On the Jewish settlements, he is equally adamant: "We'll certainly strengthen the settlement community, the Jewish community, in these areas. This is the heart of the land of Israel." And on refugees: "Should

a Palestinian state be established, it will forge alliances with Iran and Iraq. A Palestinian state will threaten Jordan. It can bring a million refugees to the field, and they will be settled on the Green Line [Israel's 1967 border]."

All of these statements are pre-emptive strikes on a negotiating agenda, which Bibi apparently has no intention of following. For him, talks with the Palestinians mean reluctantly preserving the status quo of limited autonomy within the present crazy-paving pattern of separate PLO-run slivers of territory. And even those tawdry little enclaves are no longer to be regarded as out of bounds for Israel's occupation forces. Here is the Netanyahu vision of partnership in peace: "If Arafat wages war on terror in the areas under his control, then we will not act there. If he doesn't take the neces-

sary steps, we will not keep the hands of the army and our security forces tied. I intend to let the army and its officers have the freedom to act in all places."

As for his invitation to Israel's neighbours to join "the circle of peace", there can only be one target for that seacharine-tipped shaft, and Syria is unlikely to be impressed by the prospect of talks with a man who has stated unequivocally that Israel will keep the Golan Heights. Nor, for that matter, will many Arabs be too enamoured of the massive concession implicit in Netanyahu's offhand comment: "The Arabs are quite realistic. When there is a weak government like the government of Mr Peres, they demand everything, they get everything, and they demand more." Soundbites, all. But sometimes even a soundbite can cause awful indignation.

Sir Harry Campion

Star of the numbers game

HARRY Campion, who has died aged 91, presided over a wartime revolution in British economic statistics and became the main architect of the Central Statistical Office...



He had little sympathy with the 'damned lies' approach to statistics and was reluctant to admit their fallibility

taken part in the preparation of a regular digest of statistics for the cotton industry...

ter Statistical Society, then published as a book. After Daniels's death he published a second book on Public and Private Property...

wrote little for publication but took a leading part in international discussions on statistics. These interested him greatly and he was a popular figure among his European colleagues...

ility even when the CSO was obliged to amend them. As happened with the export figures as well as with seasonal adjustments...

Ivan Sutton

Music was his cup of tea

THERE was never a gentler, more civilised musical impresario than Ivan Sutton...



Sutton... anti-philistine

The City Music Society lay at the root of his work as a concert-promoter. He remained his first love. It was only in the 1930s that he became a full-time impresario...

don Festival concerts and Sutton became a director of the City Arts Trust from 1980 to 1983...

Rex Collings

Classic acts of faith

REX COLLINGS, who has died aged 70, was one of a small number of publishers who opted out of working for the big publishing houses...

lished by Collings. Soyinka was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Unlike most publishers of children's books, Rex used children - including mine - to read and report on manuscripts he was considering...



Special relationship with Africa... Rex Collings, publisher, writer and campaigner

Collins Legum Rex Collings, publisher and writer, born June 18, 1925; died May 22, 1996

Birthdays

Bob Champion, trainer and former jockey, 48; Sir Christopher Cockerton, inventor of the hovercraft, 86; Andrea Jaeger, tennis player, 31; Elizabeth Jolley, writer, 74; Tony Pigott, cricketer, 38; Geoffrey Palmer, actor, 69; Lord Rayleigh, chairman, Lord Rayleigh's Farms, 37; Brian Rose, cricketer, 46; Dan Topolski, writer, photographer and rowing coach, 61; Dennis Weaver, actor, 73; David Yip, actor, 45.

Appreciation: Leon Garfield

Derek Barton writes: Where does literary talent spring from? My cousin Leon Garfield (obituary, June 3) came from a large Jewish family made up of commercial high achievers...

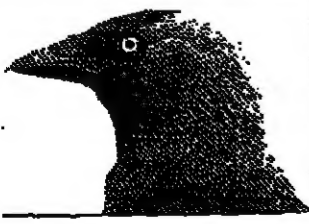
Leon was the mildest and gentlest of men. The bedrocks of his intellectual life were Shakespeare, Dickens - on both of whom he became a considerable authority - and music. My own introduction to classical music was hunched with Leon over his modest collection of 78s...

spoke of nothing but the plays he was working on for the second volume of his tales from Shakespeare. Vivien, a talented writer for children herself, made the ideal partner for this very unusual man...

Chris Grace (director of animation S-K) writes: The three-hour flight to Moscow in the early 1960s with Leon Garfield during the making of the Animated Shakespeare series was a rewarding if somewhat daunting experience...

much for his cerebral qualities and instinctive empathy for their craft as for his spectacular bow ties and ankle length coat. The regard was mutual. Leon, as much as Shakespeare, became a bridge between two peoples and cultures separated since the Russian revolution...

Jackdaw



Whose fault

YESTERDAY, no one wanted to take responsibility for the walkway which fell into the Tagus in the morning, causing two deaths. The Tagus Hydrographic Confederation, a department of the Ministry of the Environment, denied being the organisation which ordered it to be placed...

velopment was the organisation responsible for conserving and maintaining the fallen bridge. In any case, it must be the National Heritage's, because this zone belongs to that organization (It is next to the Prince's Gardens). The National Heritage, for its part, also denied being responsible for the maintenance of this construction. 'The walkway belongs to Development. We do not build over rivers.' Development rejected these declarations. 'We have checked our files. Logically, it is the Tagus Confederation who must conserve the bridge. It is also possible that the bridge belongs to the restaurant [El Castillo] which is next to the walkway.' Yesterday, the management of the catering establishment denied that the bridge was their responsibility. 'Last year, it was repaired by workers of the Ministry of Public Works, or at least that's what the workers said.' For its part, the Ministry of the Environment ruled out the bridge being their responsi-

bility. 'If it's anyone's, it's National Heritage's,' they maintain. The only certainty is that last year is the last time the bridge was painted... In front of it [the bridge] were two signs saying that it should not be used by fewer [sic] than 10 people at a time. These were not signed by any organisation. Extract from a supplementary article appearing in the Madrid edition of the newspaper El Pais 20/5/96, printed underneath the main article describing the collapse of the footbridge over the River Tagus in the town of Aranjuez in Spain. Translated by Sagario Gallego. Reported by Vicente G. Olaya.

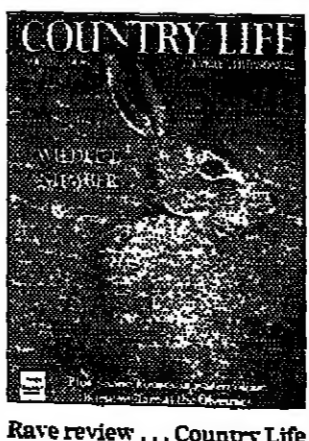
Unproofed 80pt x franklin x gothic ulc x3 line x centred x 80pt Er... This was the enormous headline on an article by Richard Hoggart in yesterday's Daily Express. Even Hoggart, author of The Uses of Literacy, might feel a little nonplussed by this example of the English language in action. It is actu-

ally a type instruction, meaning something along the lines of: 80 point Franklin Gothic upper and lower case in three lines, centred. Hoggart's article is about the possibility of postmen going on strike. Postmen join proof-readers' strike, perhaps? Season gents WHITE tie can only be worn with a white shirt and a stiff wing collar, white bow tie and starched white waistcoat. White or gold studs should be worn with the waistcoat. Top hat, cane and white gloves are all optional but rarely worn nowadays. A starched white handkerchief should be in the top pocket. The hankerchief is 600 years old and Richard II is accredited with its invention, having been above the normal custom of blowing the nose on the sleeve or on to the floor. Suitable for any day or evening event, most Scots would consider highland dress to be quite inappropriate for any one without Scottish blood and even then rarely to be worn South of the Border! Thanks to a charter passed in Queen Anne's time, those Englishmen who opt for a Kill can wear Royal or Highland Stewart tartans only, or prepare to be challenged on their lineage by any passing Scot. A kilt is incomplete without a sporran: the skean-dhu (ceremonial dagger) is worn on the right leg if you are right handed and vice versa; black laced brogues should be tied up the leg over cream dress socks held up with gaiters and coloured flashes; don't forget to fasten your kilt with a kilt pin; and finally a true Scot will wear nothing under his kilt except his bravery. To save embarrassing moments whilst reeling, the sporran is designed to weigh the kilt down. For the less courageous, underwear is advisable. Invaluable advice for dressing for the season. In Moss Bros' Gentlemen's Guide to Formal Dressing.

Sexual sneeze THE grouse family is more addicted to spectacular com-

400 males have been seen to gather together in spring for dawn dances. At the height of its display, a cock sage grouse inflates two olive-coloured sacs of air on its chest and then bounces them in and out of its feathers with appropriate sound effects. Country Life reports on an old age group of trawlers. Ill wind THE atmosphere on the bridge of the marine and atmospheric science research ship Columbus Iselin was far from pure one night as the ship sailed off the Florida Coast. For the master of the 280 gross ton vessel was suffering from a bout of flatulence. And the resulting odours were said to have been so offensive that the master and the watchkeeper had to evacuate the 'relatively confined' wheelhouse to seek fresh air on the bridge wings. In the ensuing distraction, the 24 year old research ship - owned by the University of Miami - ran aground on a coral reef in the Florida Keys,

some 20 miles east of Key West. According to a report in the Australian Maritime Officer journal, the master was so embarrassed by the incident that he irrationally asked to be relieved of command and subsequently surrendered his licence to the Coast Guard. He initially told investigators that he had 'blacked out' for several minutes before the grounding, but later withdrew this statement. The full story emerged when lawyers were talking formal state-ments from crew members. But Coast Guard officials diplomatically decided to blame the incident on 'negligence'. Bad winds blowing in Florida reported in the Namast Telegraph. Thanks to Andrew Livingston. Jackdaw wants your jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER. Emily Sheffield

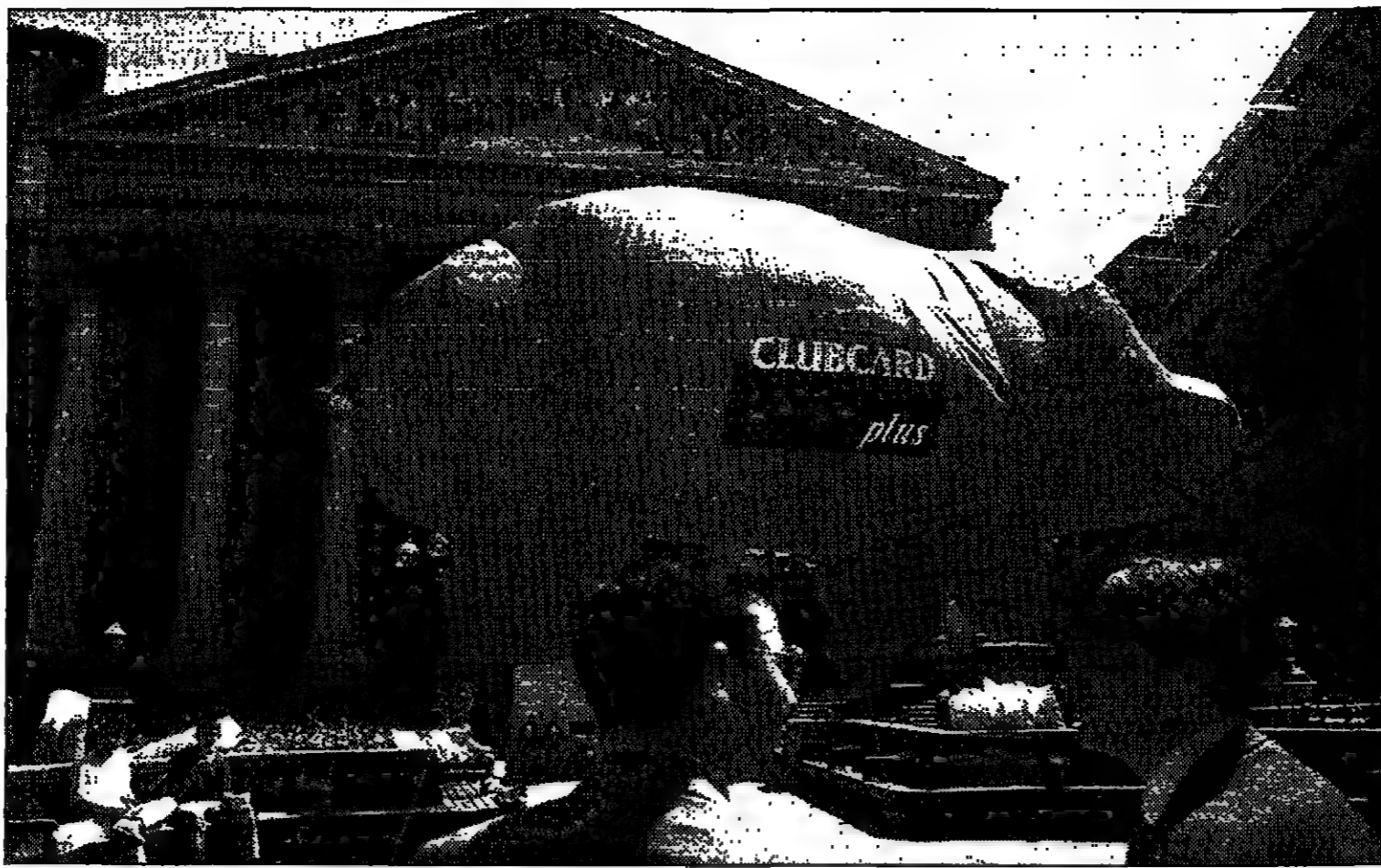


Rave review... Country Life

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It could be cheaper for you, say two of Britain's leading companies, as bakers bite back at protestations of 'hand' that offers the consumer long odds on instant £1m



City high-flyer... the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street may have seen things stranger than the launch of Tesco's loyalty scheme
PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL TREACY

Millions will save on BT charges

Michaela Bamister

PHONE charges for millions of British Telecom's residential customers will be reduced sharply from next year under new price control proposals published yesterday by Ofwat, the industry regulator.

Mr Cruickshank said he had decided to load price cuts on the consumer market because residential customers deserved a better deal. Small to medium-sized domestic customers and small businesses still needed protection.

The main price cap will cut call charges for four out of five of BT's residential and small business customers. The group will have to cut their charges by 4.5 per cent at present, and run until 2001.

BT welcomed Mr Cruickshank's decision to reduce regulation and to end all controls by 2001. But they thought it would be difficult to achieve the cost cutting needed to reduce residential prices at the rate Ofwat is proposing.

Tesco adds 'own label' banking to loyalty card

Roger Down

TESCO yesterday stepped up the supermarket war and sent tremors through the banking industry when it launched an enhanced version of the Clubcard loyalty scheme which will also operate as a highly competitive bank account.

Banking facilities and administration will be handled by NatWest, and it will be followed by withdrawal from the bank's electronic tills using the Clubcard Plus card.

Few crumbs of comfort for Camelot

Cakemakers rise up against lottery operator's defence. DAN ATKINSON reports

CAMELOT, the lottery operator, hit back yesterday after being roasted for months about seeking profits it lashed out at an innocent bystander — the cake industry.

The lottery may be no cakewalk. But neither is making a piece of cake and Camelot may discover that in cakemakers it has picked on the wrong minority.

Richard Tyson-Davies, of the bank clearing system Apacs, said of point two: "I wouldn't challenge it", but added that Camelot was not competing like with like.

Camelot's 33 million transactions look a little weedy compared with the weekly total of 173 million bank transactions. Friday lunchtime, the peak of cash-machine use, could see transactions approach Camelot's 30,000 a minute, Apacs said.

How it works

- Set up a standing order to Clubcard Plus account
- Pay for groceries and petrol with card, attracting Clubcard points
- Pay in extra amounts as with any bank account
- Withdraw cash from NatWest tills or at the checkout
- Credit balances pay 5 per cent a year; borrow at 9 per cent

BAe director seeks Government support to save 40,000 jobs

Chris Barrie
Business Correspondent

MORE than a quarter of the jobs in Britain's aerospace industry are set to disappear in the next 15 years, despite the prospect of healthier civil and military sales ahead, a British Aerospace director predicted yesterday.

Specifically, the SBAC wants the Government to place contracts with UK companies rather than buy military equipment "off the shelf" from overseas.

Pauline Springgett and Tony May
FACIA, Stephen Hinchliffe's stricken retail empire, was dismembered further yesterday when three of its footwear businesses were put into administration.

There had been a move by rival accountants KPMG, receivers to the bulk of Facia, to be appointed also as receivers to the shoe businesses. Companies in administration can continue to operate as going concerns while those in receivership are more likely to be closed down and sold off in bits.

Facia shoe deal cobbled together

KPMG, the accounting firm which is running the Facia master company on behalf of its main bank, United Mizrahi of Israel, said that Facia had lost £16 million in the past 16 weeks.

Mr Hinchliffe retains the Bata shoe chain in Germany and Sock Shop in the UK. He was reported to be trying to raise £7 million to repay the Israeli bank and buy back the rest of his empire, but was unavailable for comment.

Barclays creates a private bank to attract rich foreigners

Pauline Springgett

BARCLAYS Bank is to re-brand its service for wealthy clients with the introduction next month of Barclays Private Bank.

The new bank will incorporate four of the services aimed at richer customers — BZW Portfolio Management, the international private banking business, the UK private banking business and Barclays Private Trust.

a spokeswoman for Barclays said the bank's established Premier Bank was probably a more direct competitor to Coutts.

Barclays Private Bank will have about \$2.5 billion of assets under management, with half its customers coming from overseas, mainly from the Middle and Far East and Eastern Europe.

Notebook

Canny initiative threatens banks



Edited by Mark Milner

WELCOMB to own-label banking. That is what yesterday's announcements from Tesco amounts to. Shoppers may just see an extra twist to the Clubcard loyalty scheme, but behind that is a NatWest bank account and NatWest's account management expertise.

Byatt's strictures, leaving the shares little changed on the day, there is an argument for saying that it is only the possibility of a takeover bid which is supporting the price.

Keep talking

BRITISH Telecom's directors should think long and hard before taking any decision to reject the latest price controls and competition package from Ofwat, the industry regulator.

The package contains much of benefit to BT — a substantial reduction in regulation from next year, greater pricing freedom in the business market, where it makes most of its profits, and an end to price controls in the year 2001.

Two cheers

A COUPLE of chickens came home to roost yesterday. They were long overdue, but nonetheless welcome.

Both BT and Ofwat believe that the ideal solution to the concerns about anti-competitive behaviour would be for the Government to implement key parts of European competition law. To date the Government has only published a consultation paper on this issue but is clearly moving in Europe's direction.

Eagle Star swoops with policy to cover several bundles of joy

Jim Papworth

INSURER Eagle Star is cashing in on the fact that expectant parents have an increasing chance of producing more than one bundle of joy with the launch of a "multiple birth insurance" policy.

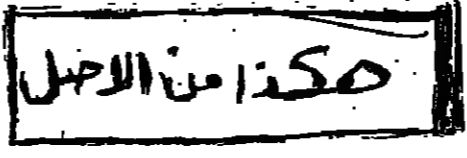
With a child's first five years costing an average £20,000 according to a recent report, expectant parents may well be attracted to an insurance policy which pays out a lump sum if they produce more than one mouth to feed.

Through there is no proven cause for the steady rise in double and triple trouble, the Multiple Births Foundation says it may be due to an increase in use of various in-

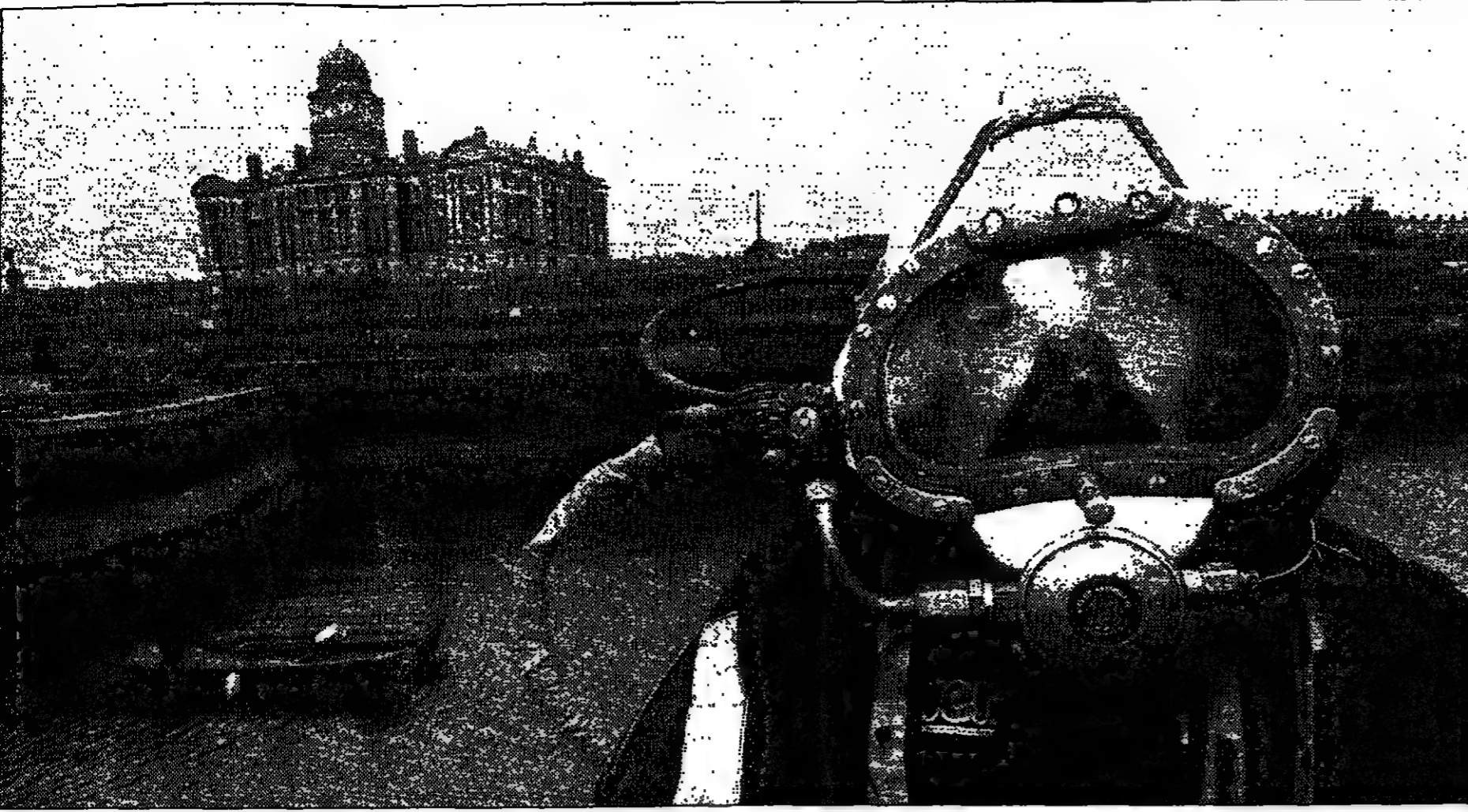
TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

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Austria 16.10	Germany 2.29	Mex 0.540	South Africa 6.5
Belgium 47.04	Greece 385.50	Netherlands 2.9975	Spain 152.75
Canada 2.117	Hong Kong 11.72	New Zealand 2.2240	Sweden 10.28
Cyprus 0.706	India 54.27	Norway 8.24	Switzerland 1.9879
Denmark 8.89	Ireland 0.9475	Portugal 227.25	Turkey 11.442
Finland 7.22	Israel 5.11	Saudi Arabia 5.80	USA 1.5775

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Wales loses 'isolated' image as Anglo-French bridge over Severn improves road links



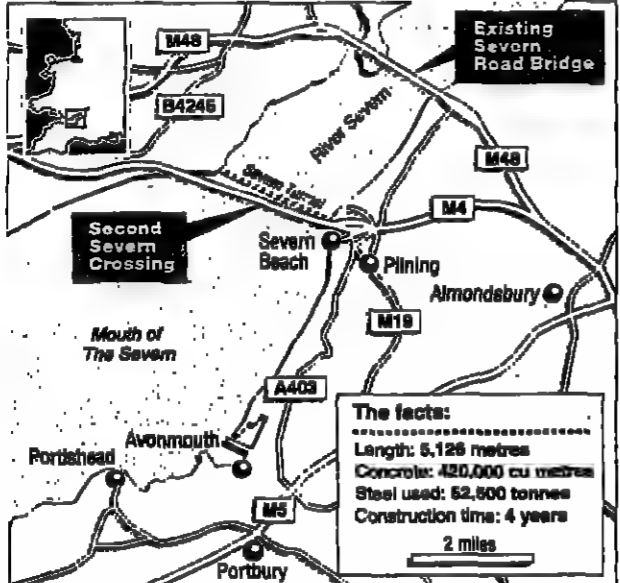
On the Waterfront... diver Nick Hugo at work in the Graving Dock that is to be filled in as part of the £20 million redevelopment at Barry

PHOTOGRAPH: JEFFREY MORGAN

Smooth crossing to prosperity

Geoffrey Gibbs

A MID tight security and a frenzy of royal ribbon-cutting an Anglo-French consortium will open a £330 million infrastructure project tomorrow. The Second Severn Crossing is expected to provide an important flip to the economies of South Wales and England's South West. Completed on time and on budget by the Laking-GTM grouping, it will only knock one-and-a-half miles off the motorway journey from London to Cardiff. But business leaders in Wales are already talking confidently of the new link ridding the principality of the isolated image created by the hold-ups and occasional closures of the overburdened Severn Road Bridge. An economic impact assessment carried out by the Welsh Development Agency and Cardiff Business School estimates the enhanced motorway link could add 0.6 per cent to the growth rate of the Welsh economy between 1997 and 2002, bringing 1,300 new jobs in manufacturing, services and transport. The impressive, three-mile structure will be officially opened by the Prince of Wales



The facts: Length: 3,126 metres Concrete: 422,000 cu metres Steel used: 62,500 tonnes Construction time: 4 years There are 13 toll lanes as

opposed to eight on the original structure. While the old bridge offers two lanes in either direction the new crossing has three and a hard shoulder. And there is the innovative three-metre high windshield which should eliminate any closures caused by adverse weather. Elizabeth Haywood, Welsh director for the CBI in Cardiff, says the new crossing is "desperately needed" because delays on the overburdened 1960s bridge maintain Wales' image of "sitting out there isolated and on the periphery". But she agrees that high toll levels could have an adverse impact on local businesses, particularly those involved in producing low-value, high-volume goods and needing to use the bridge for short distance journeys. A survey by Cardiff Business School for the BBC Wales' Week In, Week Out programme said growth prospects for Wales would be substantially better with a much lower toll and questioned whether the new link would have any impact on environmental problems in villages near the Severn and on the border. Previous research suggested that when Severn River Crossing (operators of both bridges) took control of

Barry's Waterfront project awaits trickle-down effect

BARRY, once one of the world's largest coal ports and its thriving neighbour, Cardiff, hopes that it will benefit from the promised "trickle down" benefits of the Second Severn Crossing, writes David Gou. William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, yesterday officially launched the Waterfront, a £20 million regeneration scheme for a dockland area. The work is being being carried out by Associated British Ports and the Welsh Development Agency — both already involved in the multi-billion-pound Cardiff Bay project. Waterfront, providing sites for property companies to develop up to 1,000 homes, shops and leisure facilities, was hailed by David Rowe-Beddo, WDA chairman, as "more than a cosmetic operation to clear away the legacy of past industrial activities". It was "major surgery bringing a new lease of life". Critics of such schemes argue that they fail to create productive, long-term jobs. But Mr Hague and his public/private sector partners insist that a regenerated Barry will, over time, be boosted by the impact on South Wales of the new bridge over the Severn. The old bridge and raised tolls in 1992 one thousand lorries a day stopped using it half failing to make the journeys and others redirecting to small, rural routes. Injecting a note of sobriety, the Business School survey noted that the impact of one-way tolling combined with large toll increases for heavy goods vehicles meant that traffic levels had still not recovered to 1990 levels. High tolls, it argued, would continue to constrain Welsh economic development well into the new millennium. "Moreover, even a privately financed bridge built too soon imposes considerable costs to the taxpayer, given that lengthy approach roads to the new bridge have been publicly financed, effectively subsidising the SRC monopoly."

Dalgety fears £25m profit drop in wake of BSE scare

TONY MAY The food company with a large animal feedstock operation, warned that the scare over "mad cow" disease and an unrelated instance of contamination at a Dutch pet food factory will cut up to £25 million off its profit this year. The group, which last year made a profit of £93.7 million on turnover of £1.9 billion, said it was facing "significant" costs to write off stock in its pet food business and reformulate them to meet new standards. It has also had to write off stock in its animal feed business, although it is expecting only a "modest" reduction in demand for animal feed. Its ingredients business has been hit by a fall in demand for beef-based products but it expects the decline to be offset by increased take-up of alternative products. Further costs have arisen through the actions taken to reformulate and reorganise supply to minimise the continuing effect of current trading restrictions "and meet customer preferences". Dalgety's pet food division has been affected by "an isolated instance" at its Dutch factory of suspected product contamination by "materials currently subject to an export ban". It said the Dutch operation had recalled suspect stock and written it off. Dalgety said after taking into account the exceptional nature of these one-off events it expected at least to maintain its dividend of 22p a share in the current year. Beef sales have fallen by as much as 50 per cent after the Government said on March 20 that bovine spongiform encephalopathy — the "mad cow" disease that has infected some British herds since 1986 — might cause a fatal brain disease in humans. Sales are currently down by as much as 20 per cent.

Scholl director quits over chairman's pay

A DIRECTOR of footwear group Scholl yesterday created City history by resigning in protest at the remuneration package being offered to its incoming chairman, Stuart Wallis, who stands to gain £1 million over the next two years. In what is thought to be the first incident involving a main board resignation over executive rewards, Tom Long, a former finance director of tobacco and insurance combine BAT, left the footwear group immediately. Mr Long said he did not object to the £100,000 a year salary being offered to Mr Wallis, who was given a £2.5 million pay-off when Filson, the drugs company of which he was chief executive, was taken over last year. But he said the size of Mr Wallis's potential bonus was inappropriate for a company the size of Scholl. He argued that a non-executive chairman should not participate in a bonus scheme adding that, following the Greenbury recommendations, performance awards should be paid over three years. Mr Wallis was recently appointed chairman of Sheffield

Protests over remuneration prompted an instant departure from a boardroom yesterday. LISA BUCKINGHAM reports on a bonus scheme too far. Below, with SARAH WHITEBLOOM, she looks at more one-way bets

Forgemasters, which hit headlines for supplying steel tubes for the Iraqi supergun project, and is also head of the publishing group LLP, which staged a management buy-out from Lloyd's of London. A spokesman for Scholl, who insisted Mr Wallis would be a full-time executive chairman, admitted that Mr Long

Incentive plans enhance scope for abuse

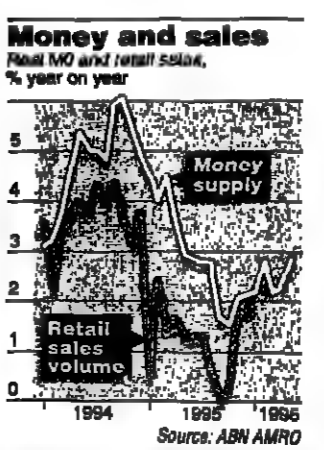
TOP companies are barely off the starting blocks in the attempt to link the pay of their executives with the returns available to investors. But remuneration consultants already warn that new-style, long term incentive plans (LTIPs) offer greater scope for abuse than the discredited share options they are designed to replace. Remuneration committees will be forced to bare sharp teeth if shareholders and the wider public are to be convinced that the drive to weld executives' financial fortunes to the success with which they do their jobs is not simply another one-way bet for the boardroom. LTIPs were given impetus by last year's Greenbury Committee report, which urged a greater linkage between boardroom rewards and those on offer to employees and investors. But as with share option schemes, the worry is that they will offer potentially staggering share allocations for executives without suffi-

tiently tough performance criteria. The Guardian Index of Top Executive Pay reveals it is by no means unusual for directors to stand to double their salaries under the terms of the plan. And these longer-term (usually about three years) reward schemes are being installed on top of the more immediate gratification of annual cash bonuses. Paul Emerton, of the proxy voting agency, Manifest, also points out that shareholders are concerned at the possibility that they are being used to replace currently unprofitable option schemes. The difficulty for shareholders is that few companies have adopted standard performance criteria for their LTIPs. And because they are all starting from different points and are at a different stage of industrial maturity, what may turn out to be tax-efficient for one company could be a comparative dud for another. A study earlier this year by the New Bridge Street consul-

Pound rises in spite of stagnant exports

Dealers boost sterling as manufacturing declines, writes RICHARD THOMAS

FOREIGN exchange dealers gave the pound a fresh boost yesterday, brushing off news that stagnant exports had pushed Britain's manufacturing sector into its deepest recession since Black Wednesday. The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, insisted the strengthening pound would "not be prejudicial" to prospects for UK factories. Speaking in Luxembourg, he said the recent rise was simply a "reasonable stabilisation of the exchange rate". In a surge of late buying, sterling rose by more than a penny against the mark to DM2.3750 by the mark of London trading or 20 pennings above its low this year. But there were fears in industry that the pound's strong run would spell further trouble for exporters, already hit by weakness in continental European economies. According to the latest snapshot of company buyers by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) published yesterday, manufacturers trimmed output, laid off staff and plunged stocks during May — in stark contrast to consumer confidence and a rejuvenated housing market. Peter Thomson, the CIPS director general, said: "This is a depressing survey. What if or not this is the dusk before the dawn remains to be seen, but there is certainly no evidence for the rosy view of economic prospects held by the Chancellor and the pound is hardly helping." Although firms remain confident that growing household optimism and stronger retail sales will eventually filter down to industry, the CIPS survey showed the sharpest drop in overall activity since September 1992, just before the UK's ejection from the European exchange rate mechanism. Mr Thomson pointed to a slackening in demand for consumer goods, which has provided the only silver lining in recent downturn surveys, as particularly disappointing. The widening gulf between the manufacturing and consumer sides of the economy



Hopes of debt deal boost Eurotunnel

SIR Alastair Morton will not be replaced when he retires from Eurotunnel later this year. He reiterated a pledge to stay on until the company reached a refinancing agreement with its creditor banks. Then the Anglo-French Channel tunnel operator will have Patrick Fonsolle as its sole executive chairman. Shares in Eurotunnel rose strongly in Paris on rumours that a deal on the group's £2 billion of debt might be close. Last week the French and British co-chairmen gave differing views on when they thought Eurotunnel could reach an agreement with its banking syndicate. — Tony May

WH Smith confirms job cuts

BILL Cockburn, chief executive of retailer WH Smith, confirmed that lay-offs will be announced within "a couple of weeks" but said the number would be less than the 1,000 reported in newspapers. Mr Cockburn indicated that, among other changes, the London headquarters would be streamlined and management layers removed. "It's important for any company to look closely at the way it is organised and to make changes," he said. "We're not just cutting costs by cutting people. We want to create a better organisational structure, less bureaucracy, fewer layers of management and a sharper focus on the customer." Reports that it planned to sell its 50 per cent stake in the Do-It-All home improvement chain were also speculation, he said, adding: "Our top priority is to make Do-It-All more profitable than in the past and consume less cash." — Bloomberg

More aid for Names sought

LLOYD'S of London said yesterday it would try to give more financial help to its hardest-hit investing Names. The move was welcomed by Names' action groups which have been threatening offer unless more assistance was given to financially ruined members. A Lloyd's spokesman said extra money was being sought from agents and other members of the insurance market. Lloyd's is planning to set up an arrangement which will give Names a guaranteed annual income. — Pauline Springett

Unigate's £42m US takeaway

UNIGATE took a further step in the disposal of its US restaurant assets yesterday with the sale of its Black-eyed Peas chain to DenAmerica Corp for £41.5 million. The British food manufacturer and distributor said it would take a charge of £36.5 million to write off goodwill and sales-related costs. Unigate said the loss it was making on the sale was offset by the £33.4 million gain from the earlier sale of its stake of nearly one-third of the Dutch foods firm Nutricia and Gullspur. — Tony May

Avis in takeover talks

AVIS car hire, one of the biggest employee-owned companies in the US, yesterday confirmed that it had been approached about a deal possibly worth more than \$1 billion. Avis is holding no publicity talks with HFS, a franchiser that had been snapping up hotel and property companies. — Mark Tran in New York

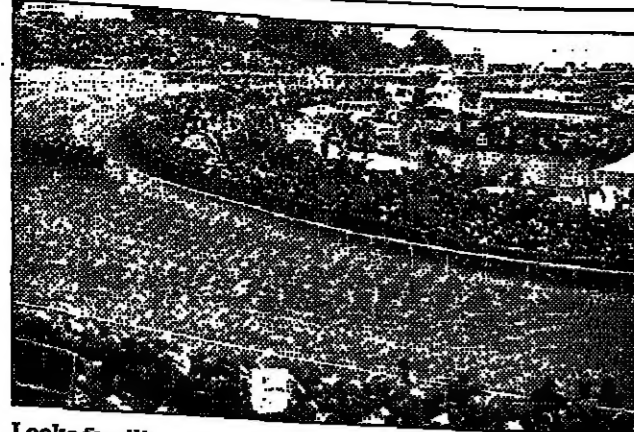
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Tompkins yard shrug off Even Top score

Ron Cox

THE Derby jinx has struck again. Even Top, one of the market leaders at 6-1, pulled out of his box with a poisoned near-fore foot at Mark Of Tompkins's Newmarket stable on Sunday.

with the leading firms yesterday, but it would be no surprise to see him take a walk in the betting after this interruption, however slight. There were no surprise withdrawals at the five-day stage for Saturday's race with 22 standing their ground.



Looks familiar... the scene at Tattenham Corner

Frank Keating says the clash with Euro 96 may do the great classic, which this year features its first woman jockey, no harm

Derby banks on Saturday double

LAST year that tarnished heirloom of family silver, the Epsom Derby, switched from its timeless Wednesday slot to Saturday afternoon in an effort to restore its ancient lustre. The move was not considered the overwhelming hoped-for success.

Oh, so what? said the punters, who might only possibly have glanced at the strange-sounding nags on the telly before driving off for tea at the garden centre or DIY emporium.

The Derby's second weekend experiment comes next Saturday afternoon. It clashes with the opening ceremony and England's first match of Euro 96. When United Racecourses planned its move to Saturday, it had no remote idea that England would be awarded the championship.

The fixture clash is fine for TV slugs, and could yet work in racing's favour. Wembley's opening ceremony with all bands to the pomp lasts from 1.30pm to 2.20. The Derby field leaps from its stalls at 2.25 -- so ample time for all the post-pool palaver with winners and losers before zooming back for Wembley kick-off at 3.00.

Epsom is lucky, mind you, that England are playing Switzerland and not, say, Scotland. Well, anyone can name three Swiss cheeses, three Swiss lakes, three Swiss musicians. But name me three Swiss footballers. To those last forlorn sporting traditionalists, nevertheless, it might be painful to have a national institution with a pedigree stretching 218 years grubbing around for a hole in the television schedules. But that's showbiz these days, and showbiz is business.

Epsom also needs real people to throng to the Downs as extras to form a seething, happy backdrop for the cameras. It has slashed last year's

entry prices by half to £10 per car - cheaper than a fairly decent point-to-point - and has mull-shot every one of 190,000 Surrey residents within a five-mile radius with a voucher that admits a full weekend for a fiver. The place is also going to be speckled with big-screen televisions showing the football.

A huge accidental bonus for Epsom is that the 1996 Derby is lining up to be the most interesting in years - in terms of flavour, personality, and varied human interest... the likes of Paul Kelleway, Bryan McMahon and Mark Tompkins add colourful home textures and don't live at No. 1 Ivory Towers, Newmarket.

And Alex Greaves will be the Derby's first woman jockey. The nags' names even seem folklorically recognisable this year for grandma's pin-sticking annual flutter, which is no offence to recent Derby fields packed with probably resonant and gorgeous names in Arabic.

United Racecourses Trust, which owns Epsom, Sandown and Kempton, last month appointed its managing director, Sue Ellen, the 47-year-old mother-of-two and former executive director of Bupa healthcare. Her full concentration is already on next year's Derby, and she wants a low profile while Saturday's occasion is again being jockeyed along for the company by Edward Gillespie, who runs the world's supreme National Hunt festival at Cheltenham.

The engaging enthusiast is undaunted by this Saturday's collision with the soccer fiesta. "If anything can hold its ground with a rival attraction, then surely the Derby can," Gillespie says.

"I enjoyed myself at Wembley a few Saturdays ago when the perception was that the whole country was obsessed and preoccupied with the FA Cup final - but on



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that very afternoon a few miles away all of 61,000 chose to watch a seven-a-side rugby tournament at Twickenham. If 61,000 turn up to Epsom next Saturday, we'll settle for that."

His Gold Cup day at Cheltenham is packed by over 60,000; so is the Grand National; the calendar's most popular is Ladies' Day on Royal Ascot's Thursday with over 70,000.

"Since the soccer dates were announced we've had a number of meetings with the FA and it's been in our joint interests and those of our sponsors (Vodafone sponsor the Derby) to maximise the

TV audience. And if together we can push it up to, say, 15 million viewers, we can be delighted with our 40 per cent share and football can get whatever they're aiming for, and we're both feeling lumpy-dumpy."

Gillespie agrees the race might have rediscovered its more homespun character: "Yes, look at the horses' names. It could be a hurdle race at Hereford. Then there's your personalities which people actually care about, your Tompkins, Kelleways, and McMahons, the great Ms Greaves and, although he's Italian and riding a Middle East-owned horse, that natu-

ral and very human superstar at the very peak of his game, Signor Dettori.

"Last year, to be honest, we cleared up and went home thinking Saturday had worked and we'd done well. So we had a jolt when the reaction began, complaining about lack of atmosphere and various other criticisms. "But on reflection, it was an odd Derby year - with a racing winter full of expectations for a genuine vintage in Celtic Swing, who then didn't run, and we came to the race with a ludicrously short-priced favourite Pennepack, Arab-owned and French-trained, which wasn't a dra-

matic selling-point for the first Saturday Derby.

"At the same time this year everything is bounding with promise: superb going in prospect, a 23-runner race which stirs both bookmaker and punter with immense possibilities. And it all coincides with the football ante-post, so next Saturday is going to be a marvellous betting day. Well, think of all the possible soccer-racing spreads, double-ups and every permutation of cross-betting."

How about Alex Greaves the first ever distaff Derby winner, and Alan Shearer actually to score a goal for England?

Pontefract with form guide

Table with race results and form guides for Pontefract. Includes race numbers, names of horses, jockeys, and trainers.

Brighton runners and riders

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Table with race results for various tracks including Leicester, Hamilton, and others. Lists race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and winning times.

Anzio kicks off the week in group style for the Kelleways

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Tennis

Stephen Bierley sees the holder lose his iron grip on a day of surprises and sadness at the French Open

Stich times it right to sew up Muster

THE world did not exactly turn upside down, but Roland Garros certainly teetered on its axis yesterday...

Muster, the world No. 2, has been all but omnipotent on clay for more than a year...

He made no excuses. Before yesterday's fourth-round encounter he had lost only three matches out of 98 on dirt since the start of the clay-court season last year...

Ivanisevic defeats are like scarce migrant birds; they arrive unexpectedly and are unpredictable...

wished he could have recaptured the form that saw him defeat Michael Chang on Saturday...

to five. The last time this happened, in the 1994 Davis Cup, Muster had won 12-10 in the fifth...



Joy unconfined... Stich after upsetting the odds in Paris

beyond the fourth round here, the highlight of his career being his US Open final appearance in 1993 when he lost to Sampras...

gained a single point. The Swis had never reached a Grand Slam quarter-final before, and the Swede had won their previous three encounters...

Leeds set to cash in on share boom

LEEDS UNITED will be valued at £16 million when floated on the stock market this month...

driven by the implications of pay-per-view," he said. "Considering we're in a close season, the share price has been staggering..."

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John Duncan on the Frenchman finally breaking his silence

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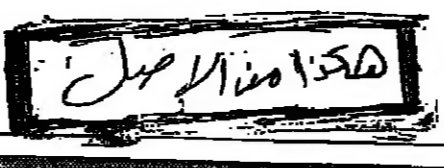
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Cricket

Captain makes a stand

David Hoppers at Grace Road

EFFIGIES of Muhammad Asharuddin were burned in the holy city of Amritsar yesterday. It is a fairly common occurrence when India lost to Sri Lanka in the World Cup semi-final, they burned them when he left his wife, and that will probably burn them as the Indian captain has a bad net before the start of the Edgbaston Test.

Nevertheless, protests in the Punjab have reflected widespread sympathy, not solely among Sikhs, for the disaffected batsman Navjot Singh Sidhu, who walked out of the tour in protest at being left out of the Indian team for the third Test at Old Trafford. Sidhu announced his international retirement, although he has already suggested that he might reconsider.

Denunciation was loud enough for Asharuddin, a Muslim, to seek to bring the matter to a close yesterday. He hinted that he would have no objection to Sidhu returning to the Indian side again under his captaincy, and rejected implausible allegations that he laughed at Sidhu when informing him that he had been dropped, and that his captaincy had become increasingly aloof.

"Nearly all the retirements recently have been on a very sad note," he said after the tourists' match against Lancashire was abandoned as a draw at lunchtime. "You should gracefully. To grumble reflects badly on your country."

Azharuddin dismissed suggestions that his captaincy is under pressure. But Inderjit Bhindra, president of the Punjab Cricket Association, as well as the Indian board, is closely aligned to Sidhu. Sidhu also draws some popularity from India's second World Cup defeat against Sri Lanka, in the semi-final in Calcutta; Sidhu was the only Indian player who warned against the intractability of batting second on a newly laid pitch. "This unnecessary controversy is only serving to detract from our primary task which is to win the forthcoming Test series," Azharuddin added.



Ten left and counting... Ramprakash's direct hit from cover-point runs out Stemp and clinches the match for Middlesex

Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

Pollock and Warwickshire hit their stride

Mike Selvey in Northampton

THERE was little doubt, barring bad weather, that Warwickshire were going to make short work of completing a comfortable win yesterday. But a nine-wicket margin, achieved a little more than half an hour before lunch, represented an astonishing turn-around in fortune. Before lunch on Friday, when Dougie Brown was bowled by Paul Taylor, Warwickshire were trailing by 118 for five - 196 ahead - when he won the opening second on a newly laid pitch. "This unnecessary controversy is only serving to detract from our primary task which is to win the forthcoming Test series," Azharuddin added.

edge are as essential ingredients as basic ability in producing a winning team. On paper there is little to choose between the two sides, but when push comes to shove Warwickshire have proved themselves to be achievers while the opposite applies to Northamptonshire. Maximum points from the match put Warwickshire back on track after a slow start while Northamptonshire are winless after four matches and glued to 17th place. Rob Bailey and John Emburey, the new captain and coach respectively, will have their work cut out to gather the individual talents into a unit. The game was decided by the stand of 194 between Andy Moles and Shaun Pollock that not only took Warwickshire to within a couple of runs of the Northamptonshire first

innings total but was also the precursor to an unexpected lead of 133. But there was value beyond mere runs: with every minute of the 480 that Moles spent at the crease the Northamptonshire ballroom deflated and, by the time they batted again, there was nothing left. The Warwickshire bowlers found them to be easy pickings. If there was to be any faint hope for Northamptonshire yesterday it would firstly have to come from the unbeaten pair Tony Penberthy and David Ripley, who came together at 89 for seven on Saturday evening and were still there at the close having added 59 - and then from a Curly Ambrose with the bowler stoked. It was not to be, however. The innings lasted only 14 more overs. Forty two was not a challenging target. An-

brose bowled just one over and the game was finished in 24 minutes. Wasim Khan, a first-ball victim on Friday, was unbeaten on 32. Two of the remaining three Northamptonshire wickets had fallen to Pollock, including Penberthy for 43 and Faulkner for a duck. Penberthy had been dropped in the slips by the juggling combination of Brown and Dominic Ostler but two balls later he edged to Keith Piper before departing a disgruntled fellow. Three for 49 in the second innings gave Pollock six wickets in the match as well as a century. There are signs that after an indifferent county start - he had taken seven wickets in three matches - he is picking up. When he began his Test career last winter Al Bacher, the managing director of the United Cricket Board of

South Africa, pointed out how many heads Pollock had cracked in domestic cricket, and there is no doubt that he has a dangerous bouncer. But just as he got his priorities wrong in his first Test at Centurion Park (bowling with his bollocks rather than his brain, as someone said at the time) so he has on English county pitches. Sixteen years ago his fellow countryman Vincent van der Bijl came to Middlesex and for a while bowled well enough without claiming scalps. His natural hard-pitch length was too short but he adapted - not by 85 dismissals in his first season, 49 of them bowled or leg before. A phone call from Warwickshire to South Africa might be the best couple of quid they spend for a while.

County Championship

Middlesex v Yorkshire

Yorkshire go out blazing

Paul Weaver at Lord's

MIDDLESEX won an heroic match here yesterday, taking the last six Yorkshire wickets for 28 runs in six overs. There were 10 balls remaining, Yorkshire, looking to go top of the table, were equally courageous. Like The Windmill and Mr Patel's corner shop when their target looked quite fanciful. There was much good cricket and a few belly-laughs as well, particularly when Mike Gatting's angry exhortations echoed around the ground's empty stands - his black looks and cross words mostly directed towards his phalanx of fielders who at times patrolled the short Grandstand boundary like the Keystone Cops. At least half the Middlesex side must have been dreading meeting their captain face to face in the dressing room after the game. In the end they pranced delightedly from the field after taking the last three Yorkshire wickets in as many balls. Mark Ramprakash ended the match with a fine throw, a direct hit from cover-point to run out Richard Stemp as he and Chris Silverwood attempted an agitated single. The 24-point win, by 21 runs, was their second of the season.

Town who finally drove a glum Raymond Illingworth into his Farsley bunker with his ghostwriter. Angus Fraser was one of the unsuccessful bowlers at Newlands on that January day. Just as he was here on Saturday, but yesterday, with Phil Tufnell (four for 106), he bowled his side to victory. He has lost over a stone (given, presumably, to Gatting, who now looks a very wide mid-on) and as he took three Yorkshire wickets showed some of his old zip. Gatting's teasing declaration set Yorkshire 344 to win. They resumed yesterday morning on 14 for nothing, needing a further 330 from a minimum of 56 overs. Yorkshire chase trials on a low heat before turning up the gas with the depth of their batting. At lunch they were 103 for two and needed 241 from 63 overs. At tea they were 152 for three, needing another 152 from 51 and with Michael Bevan, supported by Craig White, halfway through an outstanding century. When White hit Tufnell for a big six over square-leg it brought the score to 256 for three and the chase was really on. At that point the rain came, little more than a sprinkled blessing, but enough to rob Yorkshire of four vital overs. The target was now 89 from 18 and Yorkshire struggled to maintain the asking rate. White was caught attempting to clump Fraser over the distant Tavern boundary and, at 294, Bevan was caught behind off the same bowler for an admirable 107 from 183 balls, with 11 fours and a sweet six off Richard Fay which he reached his 50. All Yorkshire guns were still blazing as the water crept over the Filmsoll Lane.

Cork pops the Surrey bubble

DOMINIC CORK produced some timely England form at The Oval yesterday to frustrate Surrey and earn Derbyshire an unlikely draw and 10 championship points. A gritty, unbroken last-wicket stand of 74 between Cork (83) and Paul Aldred (who made seven carrying an injured wrist) pulled Derbyshire back from the brink at 172 for nine. The visitors finished on 246 after they had been set 354 to win off what turned out to be 65 overs. They were helped when Martin

Bicknell, who had taken five for 17 in nine overs before tea, was unable to return after the interval because of a groin strain. At New Road, the Worcestershire captain Tom Moody completed his century this season but interruptions by rain made a draw with Hampshire inevitable. Inclement weather also brought about draws at Old Trafford between Lancashire and Gloucestershire, and at Trent Bridge between Nottinghamshire and Durham.

Rugby League

Old Bull Cordle to face France

Paul Fitzpatrick

WALES have brought back Gerald Cordle, the Bradford winger currently playing with South Wales in the Second Division, for tomorrow's European Championship opener against France at Carcassonne. At 35, Cordle's inclusion can scarcely be viewed as a progressive step by the Wales coach Clive Griffiths. But then Griffiths does not have much choice at present. Since Wales reached the semi-finals of the World Cup last October, four players - Jonathan Davies, Jonathan Griffiths, Adrian Hadley and Phil Ford - have returned to union while another, Scott Quinnell, is about to do so. Scott Gibbs, Kevin Ellis, Allan Bateman, Kelvin Skerrett and Richie Eyles were unavailable and yesterday came

another blow when John Devereux was ruled out. He broke an ankle for Widnes at Rochdale on Friday and is unlikely to play again this season. Cordle, who was reported to be unsettled at St Helens, the club's chief executive David Howes said yesterday that that was nonsense. "Keiron signed a new five-year contract in April and received a Super League loyalty bonus." The Challenge Cup final at Wembley next year has been moved from April 25 to May 3. FRANCE (all Paris 60, except where stated) (Santoni, Bennett, Vergnaud, Garcia (Roubaix), Corvillat (Lyon), Wines, Bouadiz (St Estienne), Veray, Tadiella, Tadiella (Wigan), Cabestany, Jansky. Referee R Smith (Cardiff))

Sailing

Coutts one win away from scooping the Brut jackpot

Bob Fisher in San Francisco

RUSSELL COUTTS, the America's Cup-winning skipper from New Zealand, took the Brut Cup of San Francisco by defeating Morgan Larson 3-0 in the final. By winning two successive grand prix regattas, Coutts stands to collect a \$106,000 bonus - the biggest cash prize in sailing - if he takes one of

the three remaining events in the series. Coutts led the first match from start to finish, but was only half a boat clear in the second after overhauling Larson's smarter start. The third race proved an anti-climax with Coutts winning easily. Coutts had defeated Paul Cayard in the fifth race of their semi-final, after Larson had disposed of Ed Baird, the world champion, in three successive races.

Mr Motivator's moment of truth

Watson swaps yips for yippees

David Davies

TOM WATSON, for nine years and more afflicted by the "yips", won the Memorial Tournament, one of the US Tour's most prestigious prizes, on Sunday. It was his first victory in the United States since 1987, when he won the Nabisco Tour Championship. He emphatically disproved golf's most enduring adage concerning the yips; that once you've had them, you've got them. He even survived a missed putt from 30 inches on the first green as he compiled a final round of 70, for a 14-under-par total of 274, to beat David Duval by two shots and win \$209,000. "God, it feels so good to win again," said Watson. "Now I can't wait for the US Open next week. I just can't wait. He dedicated the win to his father, Ray. "He has just been taken into hospital with a mild stroke, and it's been a while since he saw me."

Watson had his moments of doubt in the final round. After he missed a short putt on the 1st, he sent one from 20 feet four feet past at the 3rd. He confessed afterwards that he had said to himself: "Oh geez, here we go again." But he hit the ball firmly into the hole and when, at the 10th, he holed a 12-foot birdie putt to give himself a four-stroke lead, he was thinking entirely differently. "These guys," said Watson, "will have to come and get me." No one did. Anika Sorenstam won the US Women's Open for the second successive year. The Swede finished on 272, eight under par and six shots clear of Kris Tschetter in second place. Brits' Laura Davies was sixth on 281 after a final 69, with Alison Nicholas 18th.

Belfry to host Ryder Cup 2001

THE Belfry will host the Ryder Cup in 2001, the fourth time it has been played there, but over £1 million will be spent on the course beforehand, writes David Davies. Changes will be made to the early holes, notably the 3rd, 4th and 5th, while the

short 12th will also get some attention. Extra spectator mounds will also be put into place. Jose-Maria Olazabal has withdrawn from this week's English Open and next week's US Open at Oakland Hills due to rheumatoid arthritis in his feet.

Scoreboard

Table with columns for County Championship, One Day Internationals, and Test matches, listing teams, scores, and players.

County Championship

Table listing County Championship matches, including Lancashire v Gloucestershire, Northamptonshire v Warwickshire, and Middlesex v Yorkshire.

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Table listing One Day International matches, including Surrey v Derbyshire, Surrey v Hampshire, and Surrey v Gloucestershire.

Test matches

Table listing Test matches, including Middlesex v Yorkshire and Lancashire v Gloucestershire.

Other matches

Table listing other matches, including Devon v Cornwall, Devon v Somerset, and Devon v Gloucestershire.

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The law according to Lloyd

On Englishness
English reserve even spreads to some of the players. I had to push some of them out on to the balcony during the Texacos to receive the applause. I said: 'Go on, milk it, you deserve it'.

On the summer
We've prepared thoroughly, studying the weaknesses of the Indian players. We also have some secret code signs, signals that might just come up once a season, but might take us a wicket that helps to win a Test match.

On coaching
Communication and motivation is a big part of coaching.

On the Lloyd way
A lot of conversations involving Ily and Atherton begin with a conclusion. They both like to state facts. There's not always much room for debate after that. I prefer to begin with a question and encourage people to work things out for themselves.



No more reading the riot act... Lloyd shares his 'remarkable enthusiasm' with England's pace bowler Peter Martin. PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Flight record that got lost in the drink



Richard Williams

THE CYNICAL view of the strange affair of Flight SX 251 is that if you put a man who runs a drinking club in charge of a football team, then you shouldn't be too surprised if the football team turns into a drinking club.

And if you then put the man who runs the drinking club in charge of the investigation into the behaviour of the football team, you should not expect a verdict that would satisfy Tomas de Torquemada.

According to the Venables Inquiry — and having composed that phrase, I am now picking myself up off the floor in a state of disbelieving hilarity — it is the team we are talking about. Collective responsibility. *Nostra culpa*. Or possibly *coza nostra*.

Like many people, I have some experience of schoolboy behaviour, including the tactical use of the law of *omerta* (otherwise known as not sneaking). And what I remember is that the best way to get out of messes like this one — the burnt-out bicycle shed, the superglued lock of the headmaster's study door, the dead sheep lying on a Welsh hillside after a cadet corps exercise involving the unsupervised use of automatic weapons — is for everyone to own up.

What can the authorities do, faced with a couple of dozen culprits? Chuck you all out? Of course not. To visit a punishment appropriate to the individual on the group as a whole would be to inflict an unacceptable level of damage on the institution itself. So they impose a mass detention, deliver a stiff talking-to, perhaps send a circular to the parents. Anything stronger, and people might start getting into their heads the dangerous idea that discipline was breaking down.

Not only is the blanket confession good for the culprits, it is also good for the authorities. You, the schoolboys, are dimly aware of that. So you all own up, and breathe again.

Of course the responsibility is collective. But it is a lot more collective than was admitted in the Football Association's statement yesterday. If the charge sheet ends with the name of the last member of the England playing squad, then it

must certainly begin with those of MILLICHP, Sir Bert, and KELLY, Graham.

From the Flaming Lamborghini to the smoking screwdriver, this has been the story of a failure of supervision. First, the failure of the FA to look beyond expediency in selecting the man for the job. Then the failure to take it away from him. And the failure, having thus doubly failed, to compensate for the reduction in his responsibilities.

When Venables was appointed he was given the title of coach rather than manager, implying a division between technical and pastoral duties. The subtext was the existence in the FA's mind of a doubt about his fitness for certain tasks off the field. But who, in that case, was to fulfil the residual functions, such as ensuring that the players didn't spend their time pouring lethal cocktails down each other's throats and allowing Page 3 girls to rip the sponsors' shirts from their backs while representatives of the British press stood outside waiting to buy the Polaroids?

When the coach's appointment was made, the FA also installed a new PR man to tend the image of the incoming regime. The way things turned out, they should have hired a nazon.

ICAN'T entirely blame the players — individually or collectively — for behaving like naughty schoolboys in the China Jump Bar and on Flight SX 251. They are the products of their society, and if you walk around Soho or Big Market or Nottingham's Slab Square this Friday night you'll see much different. I blame the shocking naivety of Millichip and Kelly, who are genuine football fans and natural-born bureaucrats but have no gift for moral dilemmas, for sending them on this ludicrously misconceived trip in the first place, and for then failing to ensure that they behaved themselves.

Jack Straw, the shadow Home Affairs spokesman, was reported at the weekend as favouring curfews for Britain's under-16s. This seems unfair on the majority of mature nine-year-olds who know the difference between a television screen and a dartboard and can distinguish the first-class compartment of a Boeing 747 from the playgroup room in the village hall. But if there are young men with such discriminatory faculties due to stay for England at Wembley on Saturday, as seems probable, it appears that the FA doesn't want us to know about them.

England close ranks, page 3

Mr Motivator's moment of truth

As England meet at Edgbaston today to prepare for Thursday's first Test against India David Hopps meets the new spirit in the camp, the enthusiastic coach David Lloyd

SUCCESS was all about the five As, said David Lloyd, brimming with his usual enthusiasm. 'Agree, assess, assist, aim, apply and... blow me, I can't remember the other one.' India take note: England will go into the first Test at Edgbaston on Thursday with a fatal lack of preparation, and it begins with the first letter of the alphabet.

Lloyd can be grateful that he has only to concern himself with a single A. Judging by the drunken shenanigans on the Cathay Pacific plane that returned them from Hong Kong, some members of England's football team might soon find AA more appropriate.

To Raymond Illingworth's mind, the missing A must be "abuse" because there has been enough of that flung around by all sides over the crash timing of his book detailing his time as chairman of selectors. As Lloyd seeks to rebuild spirits as England's new coach, the mindless public bickering by men old enough to know better has done him a great disservice.

After England's Texaco Trophy victory at The Oval, Lloyd anticipated a celebratory press conference and was ready to sing the praises of "Ticky, Thorpey and Louis". Instead, a radio reporter enquired about "the Illingworth business". "I don't know what you're talking about," said Lloyd, sounding perplexed.

"It wasn't in the Sporting Life this morning." If his players remain equally dismissive, one imagines that he will not be unhappy.

After England's World Cup failure, Michael Atherton might have proposed the missing word as "abyss" on the grounds that he was starting into one. No longer. Lloyd's receptive presence, plus a purposeful victory in the Texaco series, has filled Atherton with a brightness not seen since the early months of his captaincy.

It must be concluded, therefore, that the word Lloyd was striving for was "apple" — not one which crops up regularly, it has to be admitted, in the field of sporting psychology, but one that clearly

arises from his recent involvement as a narrator on a Channel 4 series about fruit.

Lloyd's knowledge of fruit is as limited as the average person, but the producers found his Accrington accent irresistible, so once he was convinced it was not a wind-up from a Test Match Special colleague, he read out the script, sprinkled a few one-liners here and there, and collected his fee. Now little old ladies keep asking him what to do with their gooseberries.

As far as English cricket is

we play well I don't want them to be so reserved.

"That English reserve even spreads to some of the players. I had to push some of them out onto the balcony during the Texacos to receive the applause. I said: 'Go on, milk it, you deserve it'."

Lloyd's unkind fate, if things go badly, will be depicted as little more than a drum banger, a playful figure once given to travelling around Australia wearing a Stan Laurel mask, and planting joke-shop dog dirt in airport lounges. Understandably, he prickles at such a misleading image; he goes much deeper than that.

"Communication and motivation is a big part of coaching," he said. "The advanced coaching courses ask you how you would deal with 20 screaming kids. Not that coaching England is quite like that."

If Lloyd is far from just the comic to Atherton's straight man (he rejects any suggestion that they are opposites), their affinity is crucial to England's peace of mind this summer. Illingworth and Atherton have been invariably presented as at loggerheads, even on subjects about which they are in agreement. Lloyd, as a fellow Lancastrian, and preferring democracy to Illingworth's autocracy, is served obviously in alliance.

"I think Atherton and me work happily together. He doesn't like defeat and he has had to carry a lot of responsibility from a young age. He is coming to his peak as a world-class batsman and we don't want him to become stale or sidetracked. It's down to me to take some of the burdens of daily organisation away from him."

A lot of conversations involving Ily and Atherton begin with a conclusion. They both like to state facts. There's not always much room for debate after that. I prefer to begin with a question and encourage people to work things out for themselves.

Lloyd's receptiveness to sporting psychology is a new departure for English cricket, where positive thinking traditionally got no further than always buckling on the left pad first. He was encouraged to attend management training courses while coach at Old Trafford, and he is eager to explore how sports coaches put such thinking into practice.

Dressing rooms under his charge are cluttered with what he calls "quotables". Alistair Cooke's recollection on a Radio 4 Letter from America of Humphrey Bogart's words has caught his attention: "A professional is one who can give his best performance when he doesn't feel like it."

It is a shame that one was not panned up in the dressing room when England were weary and dispirited during the World Cup.

He also talks about giving England's players "media inoculation training", a more enlightened policy that is certainly preferable to smothering them in rat-pack repellent gel and ordering them to keep their mouths shut.

Methods long adopted in other sports are now becoming commonplace. He speaks with admiration of the workbook belonging to Kent's Australian coach, Darryl Foster; the section entitled "stump-busting plans" might be fairly heavily thumbed by now. Then there was the much-

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concerned, Lloyd has no intention of playing gooseberry. A temporary contract due to end at the end of the summer hardly represents an unserved welcome, but he has taken up his responsibilities with gusto. If his favourable impressions persist throughout the summer, an extended contract will be his.

Lloyd's enthusiasm is remarkable — the knowledge he has garnered over the years has not dampened the impression that every day is a novelty — and he expects the same from players and public.

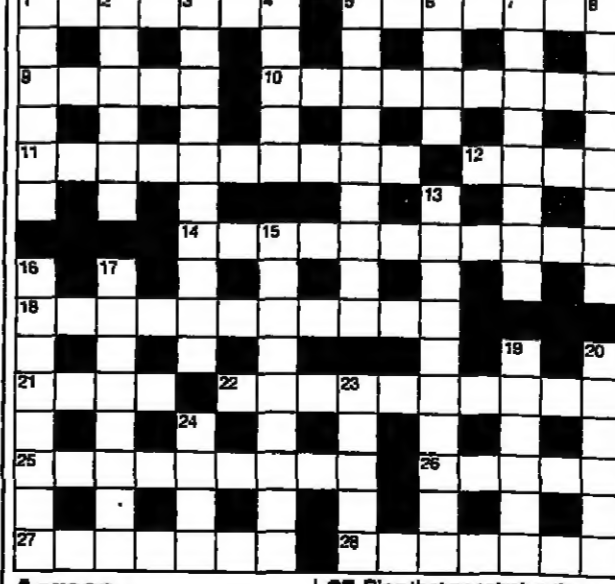
As drums and musical instruments are habitually banned from English Test matches on the implausible grounds that they are a safety hazard, and as The Barney Army, the most boisterous of England's fans, are often viewed with disdain, his call for more manifest support might ruffle a few feathers.

"The Texaco matches made it plain that India — and no doubt Pakistan later in the summer — are going to have terrific support," he said. "It would be nice if England could receive the same positive encouragement. I don't think English spectators would know what to do with a drum and a whistle, but when

Jobbins had promised to marry both her victims but while they were busy writing her into their wills, she was looking for a suitable assassin.

Guardian Crossword No 20,670

Set by Hendra



- Across**
- 1 Country girl's reading (7)
 - 5 Risk large where the choir sits? (7)
 - 9 Lady-love thrown over by cowboy (5)
 - 10 Be bombastic about trade reform that has a slowing effect (8)
 - 11 One acts in cell division, or comes home endlessly reformed (10)
 - 12 Carrying cargo not left in port (4)
 - 14 Their grandfathers are heard in the tower (4-7)
 - 18 Top-of-the-table men put under pressure going for the cup (11)
 - 21 Animal with combed wool on its back (4)
 - 22 Express lorry approaching bend, behind time (10)
- Down**
- 1 Versailles has one instead, we hear (6)
 - 2 Alternative holiday-centre (6)
 - 3 Means of getting about after a heavy fall? (10)
 - 4 Capers in long-boats, once (5)
 - 5 Spitfire made from logs lashed together (9)
 - 6 Blithe Spirit not to open? (4)
 - 7 Thriller-writer whose characters are snuffed out? (8)
 - 8 Broken utensil, tin-opener, or Orpheus? (8)

- SOLUTION 20,669**
- 13 US gunman is unexpectedly retiring (10)
 - 15 Second-class envelope for small letters? (5-4)
 - 16 Brick of law-breaker in onset (8)
 - 17 Hold a brief for a barrister? (8)
 - 19 Just left? How deplorable! (6)
 - 20 Staffordshire's second slip is an awesome sort (6)
 - 23 Loafer, got up in apparel, disguised (5)
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